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In addition to the new books mentioned above there are now on the shelves over a hundred works just published upon all subjects within the province of a public library. Fiction receives its proper attention, but other departments are not crowded out by it. It is a well balanced and well selected assortment.

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MONON WRECKS.

Thursday Night a Disastrous One for the Road.

The Monon had two wrecks on its road Thursday. One of them was two miles south of Putnamville, in which a caboose and two cars were smashed beyond hope of recovery. The damage was caused by the southbound freight No. 73, which was being pulled by two engines, with Tom Harding and Pat Long at the throttles. It was a heavy train and had gathered considerable momentum on a down grade. The train it collided with was the regular south bound local freight. It is said that the conductor of the latter had sent a flag man out to stop the train following it but he did not go far enough to the rear. It was reported up town that Harding had been injured severely, some said that a leg had been broken, but to a Banner Times reporter he denied being hurt at all and it was quite evident that neither of his legs was fractured. The accident occurred about seven o'clock in the evening but the track was cleared in time for the passage of the regular trains.

At McCosburg, a few miles south of Monon, a freight wreck Thursday night blocked the track successfully. The passenger train south bound due here at 2:40 a m did not arrive until 8:30 a m.

An Interesting Address.

The Washington Democrat, of Washington, Ind., gives an extended notice of the Daviess county farmer's institute which met there on Monday. One of the speakers present was A. O. Lockridge, of this city, of whom the Democrat speaks in part as follows:

"A. O. Lockridge, a prominent farmer of Putnam county, delivered a very entertaining and instructive address on 'Continuous Growth, the Law of Success,' as applied to plant and animal life. He illustrated his remarks by numerous charts, showing the effect that wet soil, dry soil and soil in good condition had upon a grain of corn. He thought farmers were often in too great a hurry to get their corn planted. The ground should first be put in first class condition in order to obtain the best results. He advocated deep plowing at first, afterward shallow plowing. The ground should be thoroughly pulverized. The soil must have heat, water and air—no large clods. If we manage right we can get water from the earth in dry seasons. Often we do not need so much water from above as we think we do. The ground should be kept continually stirred; once in the soil nothing should be allowed to retard the growth of wheat or corn. The growth must not stop, it was the law of success. Continuous growth should be watched in the higher and lower animals as in plants. The speaker exhibited a chart showing the muscular development of Sandow, who, he said, was a perfect specimen of physical manhood. In order to attain physical perfection it was necessary to begin very young. While striving to attain a high degree of physical development he did not believe in neglecting one's brain.

For one hour in the afternoon Mr. Lockridge entertained his hearers by his address, 'Suggestions to Beginners in the Cattle Business.' His remarks were very interesting and his suggestions excellent."

Deaths.

Miss Clara Young, aged thirteen, died Sunday evening at the county house from typhoid fever. The interment was Monday at the county

Nelson-Penfield.

Mrs. E. J. Nelson has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Miss Eliza Jean Nelson, to Mr. William Warner Penfield, on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at eleven o'clock, at 703 East Seminary street.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Perpetual Motion.

To the Editor of the Banner Times.

Whenever our perpetual motion makers can utterly annihilate an element entering into all mechanics they might construct a delicately made machine that possibly would run a long time in a vacuum. Friction is defined to be "the effect of rubbing, or the resistance which a moving body meets with from the surface on which it moves." Many are the devices for reducing it to a minimum; but when a man can take hold of his boot straps and lift himself up to the moon he can annihilate friction. But suppose they produce a machine that they call perpetual motion, where do they get the power to start it? A machine that will barely run itself must not only receive motive power to start it, but the power must be sufficient to also start the machine it is to run and this power must be applied continuously or your machine will stop. What profit then is this thing called perpetual motion?

MECHANIC.

Mrs. Sarah Jackson.

The Brazil Democrat, in its Friday's issue, has the following to say in regard to the death of Mrs. Sarah Jackson, which occurred in that city Friday:

"The death of Mrs. Sarah A. Jackson occurred this morning at 1:30 o'clock, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Hall, on north Meridian street.

Mrs. Jackson made her home in Greencastle with her daughter, Miss Emma Jackson, but she came here about six weeks ago to spend a few weeks with Mrs. Hall. She had been in failing health for some time and was compelled to take to her bed shortly after she came to Brazil, gradually growing worse until the end came. She was seventy-five years of age, and her death was more the result of general debility than any other cause. Three children survive her, Mrs. W. C. Hall, of this city, Miss Emma Jackson, of Greencastle and D. H. Jackson, cashier in Elston's bank at Crawfordsville.

Mrs. Jackson's husband died January 1, 1880. He was one of the first coal operators in this district, and for many years previous to his death he was president of the Jackson Coal and Mining company still in existence in this city.

Short funeral services will be held at the residence of Mr. Hall at 12:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon after which the remains will be taken to Greencastle and interred Sunday in Forest Hill cemetery."

The funeral services in this city will occur Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at the residence of Miss Emma Jackson, corner of Seminary and Locust streets.

Obituary.

Edith, daughter of Alva and Lizzie Paris died at the family residence two miles east of this city Saturday morning at seven o'clock, of diphtheria, aged 16 months and 4 days. She leaves father, mother and one brother to mourn her loss.

Each day when my work was ended I saw as I neared my home,
A sweet little face at the window pane,
That was waiting for papa to come,
The blue eyes closed one morning,
And I knew that never again
Should I see my baby watching for me,
With her face at the window pane
Sometime when my work is ended,
I shall see as I near my home,
A dear little face in Paradise
That is waiting for papa to come.

SPIRITUALISTIC SEANCES.

Held in the City Last Week Behind Closed Doors.

The fact that two spiritualists were in town last week was kept very quiet; only the most adept members of the cult here, (of whom there are a greater number than is generally known) were admitted to the seances, when it is said were held every night during the week. The mediums are an Indianapolis lady and her daughter who recently concluded a visit here and who are said to be very powerful spook summoners; it is said that the young lady is more gifted than her mother and that she performed the greater part of the work.

As has just been intimated there are many more firm believers in "spiritualism" in the city than is generally supposed; many, indeed, most of them being citizens of more or less prominence who are men and women of sound hard common sense in the daily walks of life, who do not seem to be influenced by their communion with friends on the unseen shore, and it would seem that their attempts to peer behind the veil are merely matters of pleasure.

At one of the seances, held in a place favorable for its complete success, the spirits of Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling were both materialized and Jackson talked freely to former acquaintances who happened to be in the audience. Walling, knowing none of them was inclined to be more reticent, but Jackson, upon being questioned as to the disposition of Pearl Bryan's head, said that a part of it had been cut into small pieces and thrown into the river and that the remainder had been burned. It is said that the representation of Jackson was so lifelike as to cause one of the young ladies present to scream and almost fainted, whereupon he mildly reassured her and endeavored to quiet her, but with little success and it was some time before she could be calmed sufficiently to allow further proceedings.

The seances held here were so select that none of the unwashed could obtain admittance, a cut-throat promise being extracted from each applicant that henceforth and forevermore he would duly keep and conserve within his most inner conscience whatsoever deeds might be done or sounds be heard. Common report has it that the mediums are great favorites of Greencastle people, many of whom often visit them in Indianapolis to consult with them and to commune with departed friends.

A New Club.

On Friday evening of last week the "Aftermath" club came into existence. It is a young ladies' club and great things are expected of it by those who are acquainted with the twelve young women composing the present membership. All of the members are alumnae of the Greencastle highschool and all future members must have the same distinction. The organizing meeting was at the home of Miss Martha Ridpath. The officers elected are as follows: Miss Helen Birch, president; Miss Jennie Alexander, vice president; Miss Margaret Cosner, secretary; Miss Lillie Graham, treasurer. A constitution was adopted and a program committee, composed of Miss Mary Birch, Miss Nora Alsbaugh and Miss Hattie Welch, was appointed. The "club night" will be every second Friday. The present intention is to study the Literature of America, beginning with the first of the colonial period.

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Circuit Court.

Vincent vs. Vincent, fraudulent marriage was all day in trying Friday and late in the evening a verdict was reached by the jury, awarding Mrs. Vincent \$500.

The following cases have been disposed of: State vs. Ed Taylor, larceny; plea of guilty, and punishment fixed at 30 days in county jail. Louisa J. Evans et al, vs. Calvin W. Curry, et al, note and foreclosure; continued. Harwood G. Whitney et al, vs. G. C. Brick, Stone and Lime Co, note; continued. John G H Klinger vs. C & S-E R R Co, dismissed at defendant's cost. Wayne International B & L Asso vs Frances T Reed, et al, foreclosure; finding for plaintiff and judgement vs Frances T Reed in sum of \$2838.65 without relief, and decree of foreclosure vs all defendants John H. Brubaker vs Vvaria Hernice, to recover penalty for refusal to release mortgage; continued. Emma Jackson vs George F Lewis, note and mortgage; finding for plaintiff vs George F Lewis and P P Hays and judgment in sum of \$589.97 and finding for George Hathaway, on cross bill, vs co-defendants, George F Lewis and P P Hays, and judgment in the sum of \$552.47, without relief, and finding for Hathaway and Lewis vs P P Hays, and judgment. John C Zulaur vs Millard J. Beckett et al, complaint of chattel mortgage; final report of receiver filed and a proved and cause stricken from docket. Magdala McAulinch vs Dorah McAninch, divorce; finding for plaintiff and divorce decreed and custody of child given to plaintiff until further order of the court.

The cases disposed of on Monday were: Daniel Mahoney vs Jno T Chadd, possession of real estate; continued. Henry C Nichols vs Wm F Dorsett, note; continued. Havens & Geddes vs John C Brown, account; dismissed at plaintiff's cost. Wisconsin and Michigan Ry Co vs Chicago & South-eastern Ry Co; finding for plaintiff and judgement for \$525. Frank M Sisson vs C & S E Ry Co, account; finding for plaintiff and judgement for \$26. Harriet E Guilliams vs Andrew E Guilliams, divorce; divorce decreed to plaintiff and her name changed to Harriet E Couchman. Prentiss C Smith, admr vs Richard M Johnson; dismissed. James E Houck vs J R M Hamrick, quiet title; finding for plaintiff and decree quieting title in plaintiff at his cost. Geo. E. Blake vs John F Baumunk, injunction; judgment for possession and damages in sum of \$20 and finding that plaintiff is entitled to 1/2 corn raised on land and that defendant is entitled to 1/2 and so decreed. These cases were continued: Kate M Hall, vs Supreme Tribe of Ben Hur. May Tenant vs G C B-S & L Co, note and receiver. John Cawley vs Lot C Arnold.

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THE BANNER TIMES.

M. J. BECKETT, EDITOR AND MANAGER

Let people who think and write send us short communications on subjects they are interested in. Names will not be printed if special request is made to withhold them, but we prefer that all would allow their names to go at the end of the article. There seems to be a growing interest in our people in communicating their thoughts to the papers for publication. Let us have more of the people's thoughts.

The Banner Times begins today the publication of a series of Indiana-Washington Letters from the pen of George B. Lockwood, who spent four years in Greencastle as a student in the University and with whom many of our people are acquainted. Mr. Lockwood is a son of W. W. Lockwood, the veteran editor of the Peru Republican and has had a thorough training in the newspaper business and is well acquainted with the needs of the country newspapers. His letters will be of such a nature as to interest our readers. [Mr. Lockwood's letters can be vouched for as being fair, honest and truthful and are commended to the attention of our readers.]

Questions.

The questions which come thronging to our minds in hours of great stress and pain seem unanswerable. Why should things be so harsh, so unequal, so unjust? Why should those who do well suffer, and those who do ill apparently go unscathed? Why, for all our earnest and determined efforts, do we never get ahead in life, or obtain a sure footing, while another, who makes no effort at all, outstrips us in the race?

Why do we fall into pain and trembling when doing right for conscience sake? Why are we forever unsatisfied with our completed work? Why, when we feel that the conflict is too hard and when we sorrowfully determine to give up the struggle, does something always come to spur us up to fresh efforts?

And why do we forever feel that however hard the fight for right, we must fight it? Why do we feel that, whatever the consequence of the right action, it must be done? Why do we know, with a sure knowledge, that somehow, although we cannot understand why it must be all right?—Harper's Bazar.

The Banner Times for Letter Heads.

Obituary.

The many friends of William Brown will be much grieved to hear of his death which occurred at his home three miles southeast of Putnamville, Tuesday morning December 7, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., of typhoid fever. He had been in poor health for some time and when the final illness came he had not strength enough to bear it through. Will, as he was always called, was a kind and loving son and brother. He made many friends wherever he went and will be missed by all who knew him, for no one could know him without loving him. He leaves a father, mother, five brothers and one sister together with a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn his departure. He was twenty-four years of age and had been a member of the M. E. church at Putnamville for five years, where the funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. He was buried in the Putnamville cemetery. We would say to the grief-stricken family and friends, "Weep not for Will, for he is in a better world where there is no sorrow or pain but all is joy and happiness."

"Sweetly sleep! dear brother and take thy rest.
God called thee home he thought it best."
A FRIEND.

Mrs. C. S. Cummings, of Brazil was here yesterday.

Wright's Celery Tea cures constipation, sick headaches, 25c at druggists.

SOCIETY ELECTIONS.

Some Tuesday Night, Others Later in the Month.

The Lotus Council, No. 329 Royal Arcanum, elected the following officers Tuesday evening for the year 1898: W. W. Jones, regent; W. E. Starr, vice-regent; H. H. Mathias, orator; C. W. Landis, secretary; W. H. Burk, treasurer; J. F. Fee, guide; George Hinton, collector; J. K. Langdon, chaplain; G. H. Williamson, warden; Jas. Daggy, sentry; W. W. Jones representative at the Grand Lodge with H. Meltzer alternate.

The following officers for 1898 were elected Tuesday evening by the Greencastle camp of the Modern Woodmen of America: W. A. Daggy, venerable consul; F. P. Huestis, worthy advisor; F. G. Gilmore, banker; O. F. Overstreet, clerk; Jas. B. Tucker, watchman; D. L. Anderson, sentry; W. W. Tucker, physician; A. B. Hanna, delegate.

The G. A. R. will elect next Monday evening. The annual inspection will occur the same evening and will be conducted by Maj. J. F. Fee, who has been appointed inspecting officer by the commander.

Through the Mill.

Jim Green was run through the mill of justice Tuesday and when he came out was requested to put up fifty dollars for bond or go to jail. Jim has been through before. Some six years ago he was charged with the theft of a quantity of meat from the Hammond brothers living north of the city and was sent to the penitentiary for five years as a result. Four or five months ago he returned to civilization and now has the prospect of another incarceration before him. Several days ago he went into Thos. O'Connell's shoe shop to have a pair of shoes repaired. While he was waiting, a pair of ladies' shoes is said to have disappeared and it is also alleged that he took them. 'Squire Denny thought the testimony against him sufficiently strong to justify his being remanded to circuit court on the sum of fifty dollars, which has not been given yet.

Monon May Buy French Lick.

A well-defined rumor has been afloat for some days to the effect that the Monon company is negotiating for the purchase of French Lick Springs. The deal has not been closed, however, as is evidenced by the fact that Capt. Hite, president of the French Lick Springs company, denies the story. The story was probably started by the fact that General Manager McDoel, Vice President Thomas, Chief Engineer Hall and a Chicago hydraulic engineer spent a few days at the springs looking over the ground and examining the springs to determine whether there was any chance of their ever running dry. According to the story, the Monon company wants a stone hotel built, one costing \$150,000 or \$200,000, and in keeping with the prominence of the springs. It is said also that should the Monon get the property, it would make such improvements as would rank French Lick with the swellest resorts in the country.—Bloomington Telephone.

Deaths.

Willie Brown died at his home in Putnamville, Tuesday after a short illness with typhoid fever. The funeral occurred at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday.

Births.

Born, to Charles H. Cook and wife Dec. 4, a son.

Marriage Licenses.

Purnell M. Thomas and Delena R. King.

Coming to Greencastle next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings the famous moving pictures. At Christian church admission 25 c. 501

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Circuit Court.

A new state case was filed today entitled, state vs Thos. Baumunk, attachment, and the trial resulted in a finding for the defendant. Civil causes disposed of were: T. T. Moore & D. E. Williamson vs. Francis M. Iddings et al, finding for plaintiffs. Mattie E. Rantell vs C C C & St L Ry Co. change of venue granted to Montgomery and fifteen days given to perfect change.

State ex rel Artie Vasant vs Henry Vasant, fraudulent marriage; motion for new trial and motion overruled and exception taken; judgement on verdict and ordered that the amount (\$500) shall be paid as follows: \$100 cash, and the balance in eight payments of \$50 each at intervals of six months and that the defendant stand committed to the county jail until the same is paid or replevied. Joseph C. Baker vs George Hathaway, dissolution of partnership; finding for plaintiff that partnership should be dissolved and so decreed, and finding for defendant on his cross bill against plaintiff for \$817.95 and judgment; and each party pay his own costs.

Samuel Bowen vs Daniel L. Harris et al, note, dismissed at plaintiff's cost. Conrad Cook vs. Robert Flint et al, receiver; final report of receiver filed, approved and cause stricken from docket.

Probate causes disposed of were: Preston Pierson, Grdn., Zorrah and Eddie Pierson, landsale; sale and deed reported, approved and cause stricken from docket. Causes continued are as follows: Fahley et al, vs. Anna Banning, account. Isaac R. Beckleymer et al, vs. Frank Hendricks et al, foreclosure of merchandise lien. Rena Shop- taugh vs. C. C. C. & St. L. Ry. Co., appeal. Almazay Haypenny vs. Thomas L. Matkins et al, partition. Henry J. Heinz et al, vs. Otto B. Weik et al. Benjamin T. Spelbring, Grdn., ex parte; landsale. Assignment of Tucker and Maloney, by F. D. Ader, assignee. William Clark's estate, by John M. McCorkle, to sell at private sale. Elmira Evans vs. Estate of Corilda Pierson, claim. Assignment of George E. Ratcliff by John T. Jones, assignee. Assignment of Lemuel Buis, by Quinton Broadstreet. Elijah Grantham, Admr., vs. Lillie Carman et al, landsale. Estate of Elizabeth Parris, by Sherman Parris, Admr., sale of personal property. Assignment of Quinn L. Cooper, by Wilson E. Horn, assignee. Assignment of Frank P. Nelson, by James U. Edwards, assignee. Assignment of Harris & Co. Court stands adjourned until the February term which begins on the second Monday in that month.

The cause of Alvina B. Snider vs city of Greencastle was settled out of court on Wednesday by the City Attorney, Mrs. Snider dismissing the suit in consideration of the sum of \$50. This is a fair settlement all round and is much cheaper for both parties than if court costs had been incurred.

DOWN AT TERRE HAUTE.

The One Subject of Conversation.

When does the twentieth century begin? Is it after the stroke of midnight on the 31st of December, 1899, or is it at the corresponding time in December 1900; who can tell? This question is being argued up and down Main street with afterness that causes the tariff question, free silver and the gold standard, the latest foot ball or prize fight news to pale into insignificance. If you see two men discussing some question in a spirited manner, as we all do the tariff in campaign years, and both of them grow vehement and shake their fists at each other, it will be safe to say that they are talking about the time the twentieth century begins. It is an old question, but the man who sprang it anew succeeded in making his escape without detection. Of course the second after the last stroke of midnight on the 31st of December, 1900, is the beginning of the twentieth century, but a great many persons contend that the new century begins the first day of January of 1900.—Terre Haute Mail.

The Locust Street Revival.

The meetings which are in progress at Locust Street church are growing each day in interest and the good that is being done can not be estimated. No especial effort as yet has been made to reach sinners but the church members are being led to see where they stand and many each day are resolving to follow more closely their great example, Christ. The service Wednesday afternoon was one of great interest and importance. The subject for the afternoon was Money and Time as relates to the higher life, and it was very clearly shown that while we are not required to reduce our living to the bare necessities yet to waste time and money is a sin for which every christian will be held responsible. Pictures and carpets and the like are essential in one way, as they help to develop the finer instincts of man; in the matter of dress wear what is becoming and comfortable, but let your adornments be "shamefacedness and sobriety;" in the matter of giving there would be no need of oyster suppers and ice cream suppers if each would give out of a grateful heart as the Lord has prospered him. Men make the Lord a beggar by raising money for his work in these ways, while we live sumptuously every day. While a tenth of each one's income is a good rule yet this was not insisted upon as essential in every case but a certain amount ought systematically and honestly be set aside for the Lord, and until that is done the church ought to feel that it is robbing God. The same that was said of money would be said of time. It is not to be killed or wasted away, but every moment should be employed in such a way as to bring something in return.

Real Estate Transfers.

John Miller, sr. to Patsey Miller, land in Franklia tp., \$500.

Patsey Miller to Lena Ella Miller, land in Franklin tp., \$1.

Mary J. McAninch et al to Quinton Broadstreet, trustee, land in Mill Creek tp.

Theodore Trail et al, Margaret J. Johnson, Warren tp., \$175.

William H. Bagan to R. M. Ragan, Marion tp., \$100.

Sarah Bybee to R. E. Martin land in Jefferson tp., \$75.

Clifton G. Hill to I. C. and R. F. Edwards land in Franklin tp., \$450.

James T. Reeves to Taylor Carrington, land in Russell tp., \$30.

Keziah Hutchinson to Boone & Hutchinson cemetery, land in Washington tp., \$1.

William H. H. Hutchinson et al. to Boone & Hutchinson cemetery, land in Washington tp., \$11.80.

George R. Davenport to Simeon Martin, land in Jackson tp., \$1800.

George W. Sutherland to W. P. and E. A. Dickerson, land in Jackson tp., \$275.

Berry T. Steele to George W. Sutherland, land in Jackson tp., \$275.

Silas A. Cline et al, to J. N. and A. Allee, land in Cloverdale tp., \$1.

Eleanor Wilson to W. T. and E. E. Ellington, lots in Bainbridge \$55.

Lena Clark to J. H. Johnson, land in Franklin tp., \$1800.

James R. Whitson to C. M. Inge, lot in Russellville, \$200.

United States to George Hendrick, land in Jefferson tp. Patent.

James Y. Davis to T. H. and B. V. Morris, land in Jefferson tp., \$3790.

Vandalia Rates.

To Indianapolis Dec 18 return limit Dec 20, fare \$1.20.

To points in the south and southeast November 2 and 16th, December 7 and 21st, return limit 21 days from date of sale. One fare for the round trip plus \$2.00.

To points in Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Indian Territory, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma Territory, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Fare one fare for round trip plus \$2. Dates Nov. 2, and 16th, Dec. 7 and 21st. Limit 21 days. J. S. DOWLING, Agt.

A Darkey Story.

"I should er got dat postoffice," said the colored politician, "but dey gin it ter a white man, atter all. But, bless God, I got my revenge." "Yo revenge?" "Yes, I make dat white man wait on me, en fly 'round' same's ef I had him hired. I goes in dar 'bout ten times a day, trow down a dollar an' holler out: 'Gimme a one-cent stamp heah, durn quick.'"—Atlanta Constitution.

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WHAT M'KINLEY SAYS

President's Annual Message to the United States Congress.

CURRENCY, CUBA AND HAWAII.

Government Notes Redeemed in Gold Should Only Be Reissued When Gold Is Paid For Them—Opposed to Giving Cuba Belligerent Rights—Hawaiian Annexation Recommended.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President McKinley at his first annual message to Congress yesterday. He says the meeting of Congress "occurs under felicitous conditions, justifying sincere congratulations and calling for ever-grateful acknowledgment to a beneficent Providence, which has so signally blessed and prospered us as a nation. Peace and good will with all the nations of the earth continue unbroken."

CURRENCY REFORM.

Notes Redeemed in Gold Should Be Paid Out Only For Gold.

The president briefly recites the condition of the finances of the country from 1866 up to December, 1897, and the legislation had thereon and says: "The evil of the present system is found in the great cost of maintaining the parity of our different forms of money; that is, keeping all of them at par with gold. It is manifest we must devise some plan to protect the government against bond issues for repeated redemption. We must either curtail the opportunity for speculation made easy by the multiplied redemption of our obligation, or increase the gold reserve. We have \$800,000,000 currency which the government by solemn enactment has undertaken to keep at par. Nobody is obliged to redeem in gold but the government. The banks are not required to redeem in gold. The government is obliged to keep equal with gold all its outstanding currency, while its receipts are not required to be paid in gold. They are paid in every kind of money but gold, and the only means by which the government can get gold is by borrowing. This is especially so in times of business panic, as during the administration of my predecessor. With the revenues equal to our expenses there would be no deficit requiring the issue of bonds, but if the gold reserve falls below \$100,000,000 how will it be replenished, except by selling more bonds?"

"Is there any other practicable way under existing law? If no further legislation is had, and the policy of selling bonds continued, then Congress should give the secretary of the treasury authority to sell bonds bearing a less rate of interest than now authorized.

Concurs With Gage.

"I earnestly recommend, as soon as the receipts of the government are sufficient to pay expenses, that when any United States notes are redeemed in gold, such notes shall be kept apart and only paid out in exchange for gold. This is an obvious duty. If they are put out in any other way they may return again, to be followed by another bond issue to redeem them—another interest-bearing debt to redeem a noninterest-bearing debt.

"I concur with the secretary of the treasury that national banks be allowed to issue notes to the face value of the bonds they have deposited, and that the tax on circulating notes secured by such deposits be reduced to one-half of 1 per cent per annum. Also, that authority be given for the establishment of national banks with a minimum capital of \$25,000, to enable agricultural regions to be supplied with currency to meet their needs.

"I recommend that the issue of national bank notes be restricted to the denominations of \$10 and upwards. If the suggestions I have made shall have the approval of Congress, then I would recommend that national banks be required to redeem their notes in gold.

CUBAN QUESTION.

Recognition of Independence Impracticable, the President Says.

A review of the present Cuban war from its inception is given. The instructions to our minister at the Spanish court are reviewed. The president then quotes from President Grant as follows:

"A recognition of the independence of Cuba being, in my opinion, impracticable and indefensible, the question that next presents itself is that of recognition of belligerent rights in the parties to the contest. Such recognition entails difficult and complicated duties. It confers the right of search upon the high seas, it would subject the carrying of arms and munitions in vessels of the United States to detention and possible seizure, it would give rise to countless vexatious questions, would relieve the parent government from responsibility for acts done by insurgents and would invest Spain with the right to exercise supervision over our commerce on the high seas."

Continuing Mr. McKinley, says: "The enforcement of this enlarged and onerous code of neutrality would only be beneficial within our own jurisdiction by land and sea, and applicable by our own instrumentalities. It could impart to the United States no jurisdiction between Spain and the insurgents. It would give the United States no rights of intervention to enforce the conduct of strife within the paramount authority of Spain, according to the international code of war."

"For these reasons, I regard the recognition of the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents as now unwise, and therefore inadmissible. Should that step be hereafter deemed wise, as a measure of right and duty, the executive will take it.

HAWAII.

Dignity and Honor Requires the Confirmation of the Annexation Treaty.

"By a special message, dated the 16th day of June last, I laid before the senate a treaty having for its purpose the incorporation of the Hawaiian islands as an integral part of the United States and under its sovereignty. * * * if the treaty is confirmed, as every consideration of dignity and honor requires, the wisdom of Congress will see to it that, avoiding abrupt assimilation of elements, perhaps hardly yet fitted to share in the highest franchises of citizenship, and having due regard to the geographical conditions the most just provisions for self rule in local matters, with the largest political liberties and integral part of our nation will be accorded to the Hawaiians. No less is due to a people who, after nearly five years of demonstrated capacity to fulfill the obligations of self governing statehood, come of their free will to merge their destinies in our body politic.

Of Minor Importance.

The president then refers to the bimetallic commission, which he says has been diligent in its efforts to secure the co-operation of Europe in an international settlement of the question, but so far has not been able to secure an agreement, and the commission has not made its report. He then recommends the improvement of the merchant marine, that our foreign trade may be extended. He refers to the Ewing sea seal fur controversy, praises the navy, asks that three or four docks be built capable of accommodating our largest vessels and that provision be made for powder, projectiles, munitions of war and an increased number of officers and enlisted men. He then asks the establishment of a more thorough government in Alaska, urges that relief be sent to the Yukon country, asks authority to appoint a commission to prevent further outbreaks of yellow fever, finds comfort in the outcome of the Union Pacific sale and then closes:

"The important branch of our government, known as the civil service, has of late years received increased legislation and executive approval. During the past few months the service has been placed on a still firmer basis of business methods and personal merit. The system has the approval of the people and it will be my endeavor to uphold and extend it."

TOO MANY WIDOWS.

Bill to Discourage Young Women From Marrying Old Soldiers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The house committee on invalid pensions has taken action that is intended to correct the alleged rapidly growing abuse of young women marrying old soldiers and sailors for the purpose of becoming their widows and drawing a pension from the government. This subject has been much discussed in view of the comparatively large number of widow claimants on account of the rebellion, war of 1812 and Mexican war service of husbands. The committee authorized Chairman Ray to obtain from the committee on rules an order or rule permitting an amendment to the pension appropriation bill providing that no pension shall hereafter be granted to the widow of a soldier or other person who is married to such soldier or person after the passage of this act, excepting, however, all soldiers, sailors, officers, etc., now in or who may hereafter enter the military or naval service of the United States.

Short Sessions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The session of the senate yesterday occupied less than an hour, the time being consumed in the presenting of memorials, resolutions and bills. Mr. Allen presented a resolution favoring the recognition by the United States of the independence of Cuba. The senate adjourned out of respect to the late Representative Ansley B. Wright. The house was in session about 15 minutes.

ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE.

The Lawmaking Body Meets in Special Session.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 8.—The state legislature has assembled in special session. The governor's message in urging the need of a legislative apportionment says that under the present Democratic apportionment it is necessary for the Republican party to carry Illinois by 80,000 majority in order to secure control of the legislature.

\$1.01 WHEAT.

December Options Pass the Dollar Mark at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—December wheat sold yesterday at \$1.01, and closed at \$1.00 1/4. May also advanced 1/2 cents. Receipts in the northwest at last are falling below those of last year. This fact caused anxiety among the shorts and was undoubtedly the principal reason for the advance.

How Bryan Views the Message.

GALVESTON, Dec. 7.—Hon. William Jennings Bryan reached here yesterday and left with a party of friends for Lake Surprise to hunt ducks. The party will be gone three or four days. Mr. Bryan expressed himself as follows on the president's message: "The message indicates an intention upon the part of the president to aid in turning the issue of paper money over to the national banks and in the meantime a purpose to give gold a further superiority over silver as money."

Stripped and Hanged.

GENOA, Nov. 28.—Abram Ufer, who killed Hans Anderson at Gardinerville last week, was taken from the jail here yesterday, stripped of his clothing and hanged. His body was riddled with bullets by an angry mob of 25 men, supposed to be from Gardinerville.

INDIANA DISPATCHES

BRIEF TELEGRAMS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE HOOSIER STATE.

Happenings of Interest in the Every Day Life of Indians Concisely Told and Especially Prepared for Our Many Busy Readers.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 9.—George S. Wilson of Greenfield was yesterday elected superintendent of the State Institute for the Education of the Blind to succeed Will H. Glasscock. There were 21 applicants for the position and it took 14 ballots to elect. Mr. Wilson succeeded Will H. Glasscock, also of Greenfield as superintendent of schools in that city. The new superintendent is 39 years old and will take charge Jan. 1.

WASTE OF GAS.

Oil Men Say They Are Consumers and Are Not Violating the Law.

ALEXANDRIA, Ind., Dec. 9.—The oil men here, who are being held responsible for the waste of gas, make the claim that they are not wasting it in an unlawful manner. The wells have been fired and the gas burned as it issues, making them consumers. One of the oil men stated yesterday that seven wells, instead of 22, as has been reported, are flowing gas, the others being capped. The oil men are ready for a legal contest.

MASKED BRUTES.

Man Thrown on a Redhot Stove and Then Strung Up by the Toes.

WEST FRANKLIN, Ind., Dec. 8.—Two masked men visited a cabin near here inhabited by a man named Lewis, who was supposed to have a large amount of money hidden away. Lewis denied possession of even \$1, whereupon he was seized and stripped of his clothing, after which he was thrown upon a redhot stove and then hung up by the toes until he was unconscious. The man is in a horrible condition and liable to die. He was unable to recognize his assailants.

REWARD FOR WILLET.

His Friends Send Out Circulars Asking For His Apprehension.

ENGLISH, Ind., Dec. 9.—Attorney F. H. Hatfield, who is looking after the interest of missing Cashier Willett, has been searching everywhere for him, but without success. It is now believed the cashier is deranged, as the business of three banks is in good shape and there is no cause for his absence. Mr. Hatfield has concluded to offer a reward for Willett and has mailed to the police of all the large cities a description of the missing cashier. The reward is not made public, but is said to be large.

BOY MURDERER.

Albert Scott Pleads Guilty to Killing His Uncle.

GREENFIELD, Ind., Dec. 9.—Albert Scott, 14 years old, pleaded guilty to the murder of his uncle, Albert C. Scott, before Judge Offutt yesterday, and was transferred to the Indiana house of refuge until he is 21 years old. Two months ago the boy struck his uncle on the head with a pump handle with fatal results.

Prehistoric Building Discovered.

RICHMOND, Ind., Dec. 9.—Men working in a gravel pit on the Hillis Lewis farm, north of this city, came upon a small brick structure a dozen feet and more under ground. It was about 4 by 6 feet and gave evidence of having been there for ages, the bricks being sunbaked. It is thought to have been constructed by some prehistoric tribe.

Robbed of Money and Clothing.

LEESBURG, Ind., Dec. 7.—Gates Long, 20 years old, was waylaid near here Sunday night, robbed of his money and stripped of all his clothing. He managed to reach shelter where he was found yesterday with his feet badly frozen and suffering otherwise from exposure.

Attempt to Poison a Family.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 9.—William Edmondson, a colored barber, is under arrest for an alleged attempt to poison a whole family with Paris green, because of his hatred of his wife. He put the drug in a well, but fortunately it was discovered before any one had used the water.

Judge McClellan Stricken With Paralysis.

AUBURN, Ind., Dec. 8.—Judge Charles A. O. McClellan, ex-congressman from this district from 1889 to 1893 and one of the most prominent bankers, jurists and capitalists in northern Indiana, was suddenly stricken with paralysis at his home in this city.

Explosion at Petersburg.

PETERSBURG, Ind., Dec. 9.—The natural gas regulator house was demolished yesterday afternoon, caused by an explosion of the accumulated gas. Sapperintendent Warner was painfully, but not seriously, injured. He was blown 20 feet.

For Shooting the City Marshal.

PERU, Ind., Dec. 7.—Charles Smith, who shot City Marshal Jack O'Brien, wounding him twice in the abdomen, has been ordered to the Jeffersonville Reformatory under the indeterminate sentence law.

Retires From Active Politics.

WARSAW, Ind., Dec. 8.—Henry C. Pettit, speaker of the Indiana house of representatives, has announced his retirement from active politics for several years to come. He has engaged in a business that will take all his time.

Gone With the Money.

KOKOMO, Ind., Dec. 7.—Lewis Caldwell, gang foreman of the Bell Telephone company, is alleged to have absconded with \$270 given him to pay off the men.

Of Interest to Fishermen.

BEDFORD, Ind., Dec. 8.—The United States fish commissioner's car is here distributing fish free to stock the streams in this vicinity. Black bass are the ones principally selected.

WANT A NEW GAME LAW.

Only Professional Sportsmen It Is Alleged Are Protected by Statute.

NORTH VERNON, Ind., Dec. 8.—Farmers in this county are complaining of the professional sportsmen who invade this section with dog and gun and slaughter the wild game—particularly quail. An organization is forming to secure the passage by next legislature of a law making it a misdemeanor, punishable by both fine and imprisonment, for any person to kill game in any county of which he is not a bona fide resident. All the legislation for the preservation of game so far has been in the interests of the professional sportsmen, and it is thought that it is time for the common people to have an inning.

KILLED HIS TENANT.

Dr. Grigsby Shoots to Death Henry Smalley of Oaktown.

OAKTOWN, Ind., Dec. 7.—Dr. W. B. Grigsby of this place is under arrest for killing Henry Smalley, a tenant. The latter was shot in the neck, dying almost instantly. Grigsby claims he acted in self-defense.

Helping Depauw University.

GREENCASTLE, Ind., Dec. 9.—Hon. Clem Studebaker and wife have just given \$5,000 to the sustaining fund of Depauw University. The friends of the institution are raising a fund of \$100,000 to help sustain the university until the endowments are reset and the business conditions of the country are fully recovered.

Sugar Beet Convention.

NORTH JUDSON, Ind., Dec. 7.—The Kankakee valley sugar beet convention was in session here today. Delegates were present from Porter, Lake, LaPorte, Starke, St. Joseph, Jasper and Newton counties. The sugar beet industry, in all its phases, was discussed.

Poor Quality of Apples.

PRINCETON, Ind., Dec. 7.—The winter crop of apples harvested in northern Indiana is of poor quality and will not cook properly. They are tough and stringy. Apple dealers are overwhelmed with complaints. The cause is attributed to the extremely dry weather.

Took the Veil.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 9.—Twenty-five young women took the habit of the Sisters of Providence at St. Mary's of the Woods yesterday.

State Electives.

Bothel church at Logansport, Ind., was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$2,000.

J. M. Ritchie has enjoined the town of Fowler, Ind., from increasing its bonded indebtedness.

Mrs. William Dillon, 22 years old, of Mooresville, Ind., fell dead while about her household duties.

Mrs. Rachel Makopence of Chester, Ind., has pictures hanging on the walls of her home taken 121 years ago.

W. C. Price convicted at Fort Wayne for passing a worthless check, has been taken to the reformatory.

Will Jackson, a mail-carrier between Vevay and Madison, Ind., was assaulted by highwaymen, but used his revolver and drove them off.

Charles Meyenbauer, Sr., one of the early settlers of Tell City, Ind., committed suicide by shooting himself. He was the father of John C. Meyenbauer, the sculptor, of Cincinnati.

SOLDIERS' HOMES.

Veterans Desire Them Placed Under the Secretary of War's Control.

DAYTON, O., Dec. 8.—A petition signed by 3,000 veteran inmates of the central branch National Military home near this city was mailed last evening to Congress. The petition sustains the proposition of General Breckenridge, inspector general of the army, to give the direct control of all soldiers' homes to the secretary of war. The veterans especially commend the recommendation of General Breckenridge providing for commutation of rations, \$8 or \$10 a month, while on furlough or permanent leave from the home, as this money in addition to their pensions would enable them to live comfortably with their families away from the soldiers' home.

Hayti Humiliated.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, Dec. 9.—Count Schwerin, the German charge d'affaires, was received by the president yesterday afternoon. The public mind continues agitated and all the regiments and the national guard are in readiness.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Prevailing Prices for Grain, Cattle and Poultry on Dec. 9.

Indianapolis.
WHEAT—Firm; No. 2 red, 95c.
CORN—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 25c.
OATS—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 22c.
CATTLE—Lower at \$2.25@4.75.
HOGS—Active at \$2.75@3.35.
SHEEP—Active at \$2.00@4.25.
LAMBS—Active at \$3.75@5.50.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

WHEAT—May opened 89 1/2c, closed 90 1/2c.
CORN—May opened 28 1/2c, closed 29 1/2c.
OATS—May opened 22 1/2c, closed 23 1/2c.
PORK—Jan. opened 88 1/2c, closed 89 1/2c.
LARD—Jan. opened 41 1/2c, closed 42 1/2c.
RIBS—Jan. opened 41 1/2c, closed 42 1/2c.
May opened 42 1/2c, closed 43 1/2c.
Closing cash markets: Wheat, \$1.00 1/4c; corn, 25 1/2c; oats, 21 1/2c; pork, 77 1/2c; lard, 41 1/2c; ribs, 41 1/2c.

Cincinnati Grain and Stock.

WHEAT—Firm; No. 2 red, 92 1/2c.
CORN—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 25 1/2c.
OATS—Steady at \$2.25@4.75.
HOGS—Dull at \$2.75@3.35.
SHEEP—Steady at \$2.75@4.50.
LAMBS—Higher at \$3.75@5.50.

Toledo Grain.

WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 cash, 95c.
CORN—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 25 1/2c.
OATS—Quiet; No. 2 mixed, 22c.

Louisville Livestock.

CATTLE—Unchanged at \$3.90@4.00.
HOGS—Lower at \$2.50@3.35.
SHEEP—Steady at \$2.00@4.00.
LAMBS—Unchanged at \$4.50@4.75.

East Liberty Livestock.

CATTLE—Steady at \$3.25@4.55.
HOGS—Active at \$2.00@3.45.
SHEEP—Steady at \$2.00@4.65.
LAMBS—Firm at \$4.50@5.50.

INSURGENT VICTORY

BATTLE OF GUISA THE MOST IMPORTANT OF CUBAN WAR.

Spanish Garrison Fought Bravely—Work of the Dynamite Gun of the Cubans Was Terrible—City of Eight Thousand Souls Completely Destroyed.

HAVANA, Dec. 9.—Further details of the battle of Guisa indicate that it was the most important of the war, and was a signal and complete victory for the insurgents under General Garcia. The town, which was an important one of some 8,000 inhabitants, was totally destroyed, not a house remaining intact. The garrison fought most heroically, and of the total of 845 men at the beginning of the battle, only 45 were left when the white flag of surrender was run up on the branch of a shattered tree.

All this death and destruction was wrought by the dynamite gun, which has been so terrific an engine of war in the hands of the rebels in eastern Cuba. It was planted a short distance from the town and 72 shots were fired, each of which carried death to many. The insurgents were resisted with the utmost courage, and while they made no statement of their losses, the Spanish official report states that they were very large.

Scene a Horrible One.

Colonel Tovar, in command of the relief expedition, who hastened to Guisa when the news of the disaster was received by General Blanco, reports that the scene was a horrible one, the dead, all shattered and torn, lying scattered about where they had fallen. He attacked the insurgents at Piedras Friday and reports that he dislodged Garcia from his position, though the details of the battle as sent by him leave this open to doubt.

After the fall of Guisa there was great fear at the palace here that the victorious insurgents would push on and attack Bayamo, and messages were rushed to General Pando to reach there by forced marches. He has reached Manzanillo and it is felt now that Bayamo is safe.

He reports that he has been continually attacked by the insurgents since Nov. 23, who avoided an attack in general formation preferring to make harassing sorties. He further reports that he found the insurgents to be very numerous, well armed and extremely daring, a statement which indicates that the situation is different from what he was led to believe from reading General Weyler's reports. He says further that he found the loyalists in Manzanillo in a state of panic on his arrival there, due to the news of the fall of Guisa. He will probably begin an active campaign against the forces under Garcia and Rabi. But will have to fight every step of the way to Bayamo.

PICTURES BY TELEGRAPH.

Device Said to Have Been Successfully Tested in St. Paul.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 8.—A new device for the transmission of pictures by telegraph has been successfully tested in this city. The inventor is Ernest A. Hummel, a local jeweler. The device combines three or four different motive powers. Both transmitter and receiver, but for the projecting table on which the drawing of the picture in the one or the blank paper for the impression in the other is placed, would not occupy more space than an ordinary typewriting machine. Each has at one corner a diminutive electric motor, smaller in size than the case of a small pair of opera glasses, the purpose of which is to operate the carriage which hauls the copying pencils back and forth over the area to be copied.

FINE PIECE OF WORK.

Doctors Successful in Mending William Conway's Broken Neck.

CHILLICOTHE, O., Dec. 9.—A heroic operation has been performed upon William Conway, who, for the past month, has been completely paralyzed because of a dislocated neck. An attempt to press the vertebra back into place had proved futile, so the neck was cut open directly over the fifth cervical vertebra, and it was found to be fractured and resting upon the spinal cord. The bone was chiseled away until the spinal cord was exposed and all pressure removed. The incision was then closed and Conway rallied nicely. It is believed that he will now recover completely. The case is one of the most remarkable in local surgical annals.

WIRE TRUST.

J. Pierpont Morgan & Co. Admit the Combine Has Been Formed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—A member of the firm of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., yesterday admitted the truth of the report regarding the consolidation of the wire industry throughout the country. He stated that the details had not yet been perfected. The firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., is supposed to be financing this combination. It was said yesterday that Charles Carter of that firm, is the prime mover in the proposed consolidation.

ELOPED WITH A DINGY.

Pretty, Wealthy and Young Gertrude Prince Marries a Negro.

GREEN BAY, Wis., Dec. 9.—Gertrude Prince, the pretty 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Prince of Hayes, Octotown county, has eloped with William Smith, a negro. The couple were married by a justice of the peace at Mountain, Wis. The Prince family is wealthy and prominent in the town of Hayes. John Prince, the father, swears vengeance on Smith, and has disowned and disinherited his daughter, insisting that she can never be forgiven.

Has No Right to Borrow.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 9.—The board of education has decided to close the schools in Minneapolis March 1, 1898, because it has no money and no legal right to borrow.

CRISPY NEWS NOTES.

Dispatches by Special Wire From All Sections of the World.

A bill has been introduced in the Virginia legislature to abolish football.

Former Premier Crispi of Italy is to be investigated by the chamber of deputies for alleged crookedness with the bank of Naples.

Count Esterhazy has made a demand that he be tried by court-martial on the charges made against him in the Dreyfus case by Paris newspapers.

Frank M. Genin, 38 years old, son of the famous New York hatter of that name from whom he inherited \$100,000 and squandered it, has suicided.

Governor Bloxham of Florida has received notice from nearly all the governors that they will attend the national fish congress at Tampa on Jan. 19.

The interstate live stock sanitary board in session at St. Louis has recommended to the agricultural department that Arkansas be placed below the southern fever line. The board will meet in Fort Worth next year.

Dr. Smith, a prominent physician, was killed, and J. J. Smith, his brother and a prominent business man, was fatally wounded at Horatio, Ark., by W. W. Mollwee, also of Horatio. It was the culmination of an old feud.

Chickasaw Indian nation has defeated the ratification of the Dawes allotment treaty.

Burglars entered the store of Charles Wilson of Agosta, O., and carried off \$300 worth of goods.

The hotel and other buildings at Bolling Springs, Tenn., were destroyed by fire. Loss, \$50,000.

Governor Pingree of Michigan, has determined to make a personal effort toward the enforcement of the law of that state against colored oleomargarine.

The clerk of the house of representatives at Washington has received notice of 39 contests for seats in the coming session.

Shipments of currency made through the banks of New York this week aggregated \$90,000, against \$100,000 last week.

Martin Thon, convicted of murdering William Goldensuppe in New York, has been sentenced to die during the week beginning Jan. 10, 1898.

State's Attorney Young of New York has decided to allow Mrs. Nack to plead guilty to manslaughter in the first degree for murdering William Goldensuppe. The plea carries with it a sentence of 20 years, with a commutation of seven years and seven months.

A large van of canal coal has been discovered near Sedalia, Mo.

Dr. Goddard of Kansas City has been convicted of murder in the second degree for killing Fred J. Jackson.

The manufacturers of the country of white granite and semi-porcelain ware have formed a combination at Pittsburg.

Alexis Herkoff, a nihilist, has been bound over to court in Philadelphia for attempting to assassinate George E. Haas of the White dental works.

Police of De Moines, Ia., are looking for A. L. Michel, a broker's clerk, who forged a check for \$1,000, secured the money and disappeared.

United States Surgeon General Wyman says the total number of yellow fever cases reported to the government health bureau up to Nov. 10 was 4,198. There were 423 deaths.

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Despite the fact that wheat has again passed the dollar line in New York, exportations continue large.

Exportations are increasing under the Dingley law much to the surprise of free traders who dolefully predicted a total destruction of our foreign markets.

Free silver and the calamity war-whoop did good service in Kansas for years, but this year the people of that state have evidently seen the fallacy of their arguments and have placed the state in the Republican column.

John Clark Ridpath, who ran for Congress last fall, and was wallowed, has been repeatedly asked to make the race again. He has written to the Rockville Tribune stating that his editorial duties on the Arena are of such a nature that he cannot spare the time.—Ex.

American tin plate, the manufacture of which was brought about by the McKinley protective tariff, is this year being shipped abroad. This is an interesting and striking fact and no doubt makes McKinley feel good in this first year of his administration. Our own state is a sharer in the benefits of protection to this industry, since we have some of the largest tin plate mills in this country, if not in the world.

What has become of those silver senators who went to Japan a few months ago to find out just how it was the "gold powers" managed to induce the Japanese to desert the silver standard. The probability is that they are reserving the information they received for the exclusive benefit of Mr. Bryan during his visit to Mexico, so that he may advise that country to avoid the fate of the Japanese and other nations that have adopted the gold standard in the last twenty-five years.

An exchange makes the statement that the main entrance to the new Chicago library cost \$200,000. And then it complains of it by saying: "Probably as many people as usual will starve this winter in Chicago." We do not know as to the fact, but of this we are certain that if the main entrance to that building had been made of sticks or clapboards costing ten dollars it would not have diminished the number of the starving, if there are any, by a single one, and there would have been \$199,990 less dis-

tributed to artists, artisans and workmen, mostly men who need the work.—New Albany Tribune.

Chili is buying gold in London preparatory to the establishment of their gold standard currency system. The value of her silver coins will hereafter be maintained without reference to fluctuations in the price of that metal.

The oleomargarine against which some people indulge in such violent kicking is ten to one cleaner and more wholesome than the rancid butter they are accustomed to take into their stomachs. The aversion to the artificial product is just another case of "what's in a name?"—Paris Beacon.

The coeducation question is agitating at Wabash. The Crawfordsville Journal is publishing the pros and cons of many old Wabash graduates. Some are very pro and some very con. Let the pot boil. Old Wabash will yet come into the light and admit women. It has been a long, hard struggle but the women will ultimately pull up even with the men. Give the women a chance.

The bluff made by those thirteen foreign nations whose representatives made protests against certain features of the Dingley bill during its consideration by Congress, has not yet been made effective in excluding American products. In fact, their purchases from us have increased fully twenty five per cent since the enactment of the Dingley law, while it has been followed by a reduction of twenty-five per cent in our importations from those countries.

Some one has taken occasion to look up ex-Candidate Bryan's record in Congress since his St. Louis speech in which he reiterated his adherence to the new-found principles of democratic faith, government by injunction, anti trust legislation and arbitration in behalf of labor. The record shows that, during his four years in Congress, he never lifted his voice nor indicated his friendship for these subjects in any practical way nor took any steps officially or otherwise in their behalf. Perhaps, he talks now principally for buncomb.

The New Albany Tribune says in speaking of the cases of Leutgert and Mrs. Naek:

"If you wish to be a hero, go and commit some horrible crime red handed. Though it may have been impossible for you to earn your living before, after that you will receive in prison gifts of flowers and costly food and raiment. Sickly sentimentalists of both sexes will stop all over you, and newspaper degenerates will write you up in pages of lurid literature. Your fame as a hero will be established."

Is this not true? Can we not think of cases nearer home where supposed criminals were treated as heroes, and where women especially almost bowed down and worshipped them. What a shame to our age. We pride ourselves on our civilization while this trait in some characters would be quite becoming in a cannibal.

Says the Newcastle Press:

The surprising increase of divorce litigation in the courts of Indiana, has stirred the judiciary to take some steps to check this flood of cases from expanding their dockets each term of court, and it has been resolved to start a reformation of the evil by the judges of the various circuits in the state, uniting in compelling the payment of all costs in the case by the divorced couples before the decree annulling their marriage shall be a matter of record. An investigation of the court records throughout the

state shows a startling number of divorce suits that were tried in the courts, but the costs remain unpaid and the parties have married despite the decree of the record "that judgment for divorce shall not go into effect until all the costs of the proceedings have been liquidated." The prosecutors will soon begin cases against such parties.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The President's message is presented to our readers today. It is a strong document and worthy a careful reading. His recommendations to Congress are in accord with the best thought of the republican party and if carried out will bring about great good to the whole people. It is indeed gratifying to read in the opening paragraphs that the spirit of patriotism is universal and is increasing in fervor and that public questions which now most engross the people are lifted far above partisanship, prejudice, or former sectional differences. The currency question is given first place in the message and his views will have great weight in shaping legislation on that line. The Cuban problem occupies the second place and is discussed in an able and fearless manner. The annexation of Hawaii is favored. Silver on the international agreement is next taken up. The extension of our foreign trade receives due attention but none too much. The navy and its need of new docks and the Indians come in for their share at the close.

President McKinley's messages are not so wordy as they are full of the real meat. It is to be hoped that Congress will act promptly and decisively on the great questions presented and give us no dilly dally nonsense so often seen in that body.

When one sees so many parents neglected and badly treated in their old age by their children it is inspiring and refreshing to see the President of this great nation whirling across the country a thousand miles in a special car to be at the bedside of his aged mother who is stricken with paralysis. It was worth all it cost to make that trip and again press the warm lips of a dear old mother. Mother McKinley has left the right impression upon her son.—Anderson Herald.

In New York State convict labor upon the highways has proved a success. Labor in the open air is preferred by the prisoners and the work of the guards has been reduced to a safe system. Good roads might be made all over this country if prison labor was directed in this way instead of the usual channels of manufacture where it is brought into direct competition with skilled labor.

The Pittsburg News publishes a graveyard scene that is interesting to the student of politics in New York. Croker sits perched on a tombstone, gun in hand guarding the political grave of D. B. Hill and grimly remarks: "Gravediggers 'd better not come monkeyin' 'round here. That man 's dead and buried and the corpse must be respected."

An exchange says: "The two Williams are great talkers—the William of Nebraska and the William of Germany." There is a great difference between them, however. The talk of the German William amounts to something, but the talk of the Nebraska William never amounts to anything.

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THE TRUANCY LAW.

Greencastle's Truancy Officer

Speaks from Observation.

The current number of the Indiana Farmer contains an article from the pen of W. H. Ragan, the truancy officer for Greencastle, upon the good and bad qualities of the law which created his office. County officer Bachelder will no doubt agree with all that Mr. Ragan says upon the subject. The article which is reprinted below was awarded the first premium in the contest in the Farmer upon that subject. It is as follows:

Through the fact of the truancy office having sought the man I am serving as such officer in our city. The law though right in spirit has many defects. It should apply to children between the ages of seven and 15. Incurables should be amenable within the same age limits. It should define, especially in what portion of the school term the attendance should be due, and I am persuaded that that should be during the first 15 weeks. If the child attends, even through compulsion, at the beginning of the term, he will most likely attend voluntarily for the remainder. As the law now stands it allows the parent to avoid the penalties of the law during the earlier weeks of the term, through promises which he may afterwards violate to yield his compliance later in the term. A child who habitually deceives his parent or guardian, by assuming to attend school when he is at the same time playing truant should be considered incorrigible and made amenable to the parental home. As the law now is all the penalty falls upon the helpless parent or guardian. I have several cases of this kind in mind, and frankly confess my weakness in indulging the helpless violator of the law, as it now is. But the most unfortunate feature of the law is that it creates additional and expensive offices and I will add inefficient and needless ones. The duty of the enforcement of such laws should have been assigned to the present school officials, the trustees in their several townships and boards of school officers in the towns and cities. They have the school enumeration, they know their teachers and their pupils; they are in touch and harmony with all matters pertaining to the school interests, and could easily see that the law was faithfully lived up to, and that too, with comparatively little expense to the tax payer. In our county there are but two truancy officers, myself within the city of Greencastle, and the other, though living within our city, having the remainder of the county. It is but little short of farcical to think of one man, and he unknown to a majority of the teachers and school officials throughout the county, faithfully executing such a law. He cannot do so and frankly acknowledges the fact. But with all these defects, I am of the opinion that the general knowledge of the existence of the law, its moral effects have been good and that the attendance in school is already larger in consequence.

W. H. R.

A Saloon Keeper's Unique Card.

A Farmington liquor dealer has issued the following unique card to the people of that town and we would like to see the saloons of Greencastle post up notices of like import:

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How About Boots?

This is the time of the year to ask yourself that question. Where are you going to get them? Is the next question. Right here is where we want to attract your attention. I have the largest stock of boots in the county, probably more than any two other stores. From a good, honest-made boot to the best grade of French tip. If you want boots of any quality, I will pay you well to get them of me. I have no ready-made boots but have them all made and honestly made. You may no jobbers profits when you buy of me. If your boy needs a good pair of boots but you don't want him to have them on account of the looks get him a pair of our heavy calf school shoes. They are made of genuine calf stock, cheap weight and will give about three times the amount of wear of other shoes for which you pay the same price.

P. R. CHRISTIE.

BRIEF LOCAL NOTES

FRIDAY.

Walter Hurst shipped a car of hay to Louisville yesterday.

Sam Allee loaded a car of stock for Indianapolis Thursday.

Ed Harvey, of the broom company, out on a three days' trip, selling his stock.

Joe Spivey has gone to Indianapolis where he will be in the employ of George Marott.

Mrs. Sarah Hawkins is at home from an extended visit with relatives in Vigo and Clay counties.

Nelson Bolin, colored, was kicked by a horse at Pfeifferberger's Shoeing Shop this morning but not seriously injured.

Walter Hurst and Jas. Hurst have put in a hay compressing machine in this part of town and will operate it all winter.

Mrs. Columbus Thompson and son, who have been visiting relatives in the city returned to their home at Winchester, Ky., today.

Miss Rebecca Hanna left at noon today for Danville, Ill., where she expects to make an extended visit with relatives and friends.

David Riggs, of Covington, Ky., who has been visiting relatives and friends here during the past two weeks returned to his home this morning.

On Dec. 1 all train crews on the Monon main line began to run through from Chicago to Louisville instead of changing at Lafayette as hitherto.

Mrs. Torrey and daughter, who have been the guests of the family of Dr. Morrison for the past few days returned to their home in Indianapolis this morning.

Mrs. Green, of London and Mrs. Ash, of Bristol, England, were at the Delaplant train waiting for the accommodation train east this morning. They came in last evening and wished to stop at Amo where they will visit friends but the train is a thorough one and they were compelled to come to this city.

Home love that is worth having is worth expressing every day. Its expression will do much to make life sweet and wholesome. It will give to the young man or woman a safeguard against many temptations, and in the years to come, a legacy of most precious memories.—Indianapolis News.

On the farm of Wm. Hadley, in Hendricks county, near Danville, is an apple tree planted in 1831. It is now 10 feet 2 inches around the body two feet from the ground and 37 feet across the branches. It is of the Vandever variety a regular bearer of a choice quality of fruit. Harper Rayl, who was in that vicinity a few weeks ago brought home a specimen of the fruit and it is as fine an apple as one could wish for. We doubt if there is another apple tree in the state that can equal this in size and age.—Bloomington World.

Commissioner James E. Talbott is what he considers a convincing argument on the 16 to 1 subject. It is, the term may be permitted, a gallinaceous analogy, and when Mr. Talbott is requested to present it he conducts the

applicant to his poultry yard and shows him 16 clear white chickens and one of a beautiful golden color. He says that these chickens are all of the same hatching and that he considers it Nature's method of publishing her sentiments concerning the ratio of gold and silver. This argument admits of only one reply and that is best given in the words of a conundrum recently proposed by one of the learned college professors. "What is the difference," he asked, "between a pigeon with two wings and a pigeon with only one wing?" When the guesser failed to answer the sage doctor replied, "A mere difference of opinion."

The widow of the late Governor Morton, who has made serious objection to the removal of her husband's statue from a position directly south of the state soldiers' monument to a place in the center of the southeast segment of the circle, has sent out circular letters to all Grand Army posts of the state, in which she expresses great regret on account of the proceedings. No doubt there will be many sympathetic resolutions and expressions of opinion. But Governor Morton will not be forgotten, let there be few or many statues, and let their location be where they may. His record is written indelibly upon the hearts of his countrymen—Lafayette Courier.

The Wildwood Stock company after a varied career, "busted" here yesterday. Just a short time ago the same thing happened at Martinsville, after they completed their week's stand here. At that time Mr. Leek took charge of the concern and after one week, spent mainly in advancing cash from his own pocket, he resigned. It is said that the first break-up was caused principally by trouble among the players, some of whom would not speak to each other. The engagement at Connersville, which was to have begun last night, was cancelled and the various members of the company returned to their homes in Indianapolis.

Scarlet fever and diphtheritic laryngitis are apparently gaining a strong hold in the south portion of this county. Recently two deaths in the family of a Mr. Fisher were reported; now he has five more cases in his family. At Cloverdale on Tuesday occurred the death of a child of Enos Wood from the scarlet fever and on Thursday another child died from the same cause. The county board of health is doing all in its power to stop the inroad of the diseases but they can do nothing without the assistance of the people of the communities in which the disease occurs.

The sixth week of the greatest revival ever known in Glen Moore Methodist Episcopal church is just closing. This series of evangelistic services has resulted in more conversions (over forty to date) and a more general awakening of the church than it has known. The meetings are remarkable in the heads of families converted including their wives. The village and whole community is stirred and the end is not yet. The meetings will go on next week. The young pastor, Rev. Henry S. Beals, has walked right into the hearts of the people and the Lord has wonderfully blessed him.—Daily Local News, West Chester, Pa.

John Pickett was furnished transportation to Indianapolis this morning by Trustee Graham. He claimed to be ninety years old and his appearance did not belie his words. His limbs were badly crippled by paralysis which rendered him almost helpless. He told Mr. Graham that he had come to this city from Houston, Tex., and wished to get to Cincinnati.

SATURDAY.

Mrs. Lee Hamilton is visiting relatives in Crawfordsville.

W. R. Crowder went to his home at Reelsville this morning for a week's hunt.

Mrs. E. E. Wright left this morning for Ft. Wayne, where she will visit her brother.

Mrs. Joseph E. Ludlow, of Indianapolis, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Anna M. Southard.

Judge Field, of Crawfordsville, was here this afternoon to assist in the examination of Mrs. H. L. Randel as a party to the suit brought by her

against the Monon railroad. The case will probably be venue to Clay county. An application has been made to take it to Montgomery county but that is being combated and Clay will probably be accepted by both sides as a compromise. Judge Field and Col. C. C. Matson are the road's counsel and Attorney Collier and Itays represent the plaintiff.

Twelve children gathered at ten o'clock this morning at the Art Hall to commence their study in art. It was an enthusiastic little company and they expressed their enthusiasm in a child-like way by saying that they wished next Saturday would come real quick so they could take another art lesson. These lessons will be free until Christmas. It is to be hoped that anyone who have children who show any talent or taste in this line will give them an opportunity for improving this talent. In this talented town of Greencastle what is there more likely than that latent talent should when developed in the rising generation, blossom forth as the great artist of tomorrow.

The Monon people have not yet taken possession of their new quarters although the contract called for its completion on the 20th of last month. The depot itself is completed but the platform has yet to be built, the track changed and several switches taken out before it will be ready for the public. The space allotted the buses is very narrow and will not permit the backing in of more than two at a time.

In speaking of a Minstrel show given by the Elks at Vincennes the other day, the Terre Haute Express says: "Dwight Allen, in a clever Dutch monologue captivated and convulsed the audience. He was encored until he was tired out."

George Cooper found a fine Jersey cow wandering on the Cloverdale road near the old Workman place yesterday and has been unable to find an owner for it.

Ed Garner and daughter Edith went to Canadian Station this morning to visit over Sunday.

Mrs. W. T. Beser is at home from a visit with relatives and friends in Marshall, Ill.

Wm. Maloney has removed his family to Indianapolis and he went there today to live.

MONDAY.

Ex-Mayor Bell Tolin, of West Indianapolis, is in town today.

Miss Gertrude Duncan will visit at Cloverdale for a few weeks.

Mrs. Walter Albaugh is recovering slowly from her recent illness.

Miss Gertrude Ogg has returned from a short visit to her home near Marco.

Miss Sallie Crow returned today from Anderson, where she has been trimming.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Hughes are at home from a visit with relatives at Raub.

A. M. Black last week shipped a coop of his fine White Plymouth Rocks to Rochester, N. Y.

Mrs. M. A. Teister and Mrs. Hartwood, of Crawfordville, visited friends in town Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Burns returned to her home in Chalmers yesterday after a three week's visit with her mother, Mrs. Claggett.

Mrs. E. H. Hickman went to Terre Haute this morning to attend a meeting of the directors of the Union Hospital.

Mrs. Samuel Wilton and Miss Helen Wilton, of Carbon, were in the city today, the former for optical and the latter for dental treatment.

J. H. Hamrick left at noon today for Lafayette from where, after a few days, he will go to California in the interests of the fruit tree men, Pottlitzer Bros.

The Vandalia made a slight change in time yesterday. The new schedule brings No. 5, west bound, in here at 9:18 a. m. and No. 8, east bound, at 3:09 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Collier, who have been visiting P. O. Collier and family and other relatives in the city for the past few days returned to their home at Bainbridge.

Mr. F. M. Huffman of this city has been elected one of the directors of the Indiana Traction Co., an electric line through the gas belt. Mr. Huffman will leave for the field next week.

Miss Gertrude Duncan returned from Wesley Hospital, Chicago, on Friday. She speaks very highly of the treatment she received while there. The hospital is supported by the Methodist church. The surgical operation and her care while there, were free to her.

Maude Hill, of South Greencastle, brought suit before Justice Ashton this morning against Wm. Arnold, charging him with being the father of her child. The case was venue to Warren township, where it will be tried before Justice Curtis, the date to be fixed later.

The agreement to close all barber shops, stores and other business houses on Sunday is a commendable move and should be lived up to. Six days labor is enough for any man. Business men owe it to their families as well as to themselves to lessen their hours of business. As Sunday selling is a violation of the law, the first one that breaks this agreement should be prosecuted and every man who signed this agreement should aid such prosecution. The liquor interests should receive attention if they do not comply with the law also. It is a notorious fact that liquor is obtained on Sunday and the passing in and out of the back way to saloons and the loafers in and about the restaurant attachments is evidence of these facts. It has been demonstrated that conviction is next to impossible since a man who will buy or visit these dens will perjure himself in court to defend the man who violated the law. Nothing but detectives, employed to fasten conviction can get at the facts and give them in court.—Salem Leader.

Revs. J. S. Sprui and F. O. Fraley circulated a petition among the people this week for signers asking the merchants to close their stores on Sunday. While the News always favors moral reforms, it seems to us that they have the cart before the horse. Better circulate a petition among the people pledging them not to tempt the merchant by buying goods on Sunday, then there would be no stores open on Sunday. The merchants have to keep such goods as the people demand and keep their stores open on Sunday by the same rule. We note as many church members do their buying on Sunday as those who do not belong to church. In this connection it seems to us that a better way is to educate the people on lines of right doing and then the stores won't have any customers on Sunday. However if our ministers can accomplish the desired result we say amen.—Roachdale News.

On Thursday morning of last week, Mrs. Frank West, living just over the line between Putnam and Hendrix, was accidentally shot by her husband. A shot gun had been left loaded by Mr. West's brother, and not knowing this Mr. West in attempting to insert a fresh shell in the gun discharged it. The muzzle was pointed toward the floor and as the explosion occurred Mrs. West entered from a door on the opposite side of the room. The charge glanced from the floor and struck Mrs. West in the breast and side, wounding her seriously but not fatally.

Relatives of Mrs. McCamack, who recently left Mt. Meridian, have received a letter from a former citizen of that place who is now residing in Missouri. In it he stated that Mrs. McCamack is living in that state and is looking for a location for herself and husband. The writer of the letter also inquired if Mr. McCamack is intending to join her in a short time. So far as is known, no word of any kind has been received from Dr. Spurgeon.

The Pennsylvania company is building, at its shops in Columbus, Ohio, two entirely new vestibule trains to be put in service between Pittsburgh and St. Louis on trains 20 and 21. The new trains will be provided with all the latest conveniences and will be six feet longer than the coaches heretofore built. The baggage car and the combination cars will be new, and the Pullman company will furnish some new Pullman cars to complete the two trains.

In the list of surviving attorney taken from the city directory of 1860, the name of D. C. Donnohue was omitted. The firm at that time was Donnohue & Usher. Mr. Usher was afterwards Secretary of the Interior under President Lincoln. Mr. Donnohue still lives among us, hale and hearty at eighty-three years of age, the oldest living member of the Putnam county bar.

The traffic of the Vandalia lines was carried in October at a saving of \$6,000 on the same volume, through the use of the heavier freight locomotives, as compared with those in use in October, 1896, and the exhibit of November will be fully as favorable to the heavier locomotive.

Mrs. Donner, of Anderson, arrived in this city Saturday noon, accompanied by her mother who has been in Anderson for the past week. Mrs. Donner has been seriously ill but is now recovering. Mr. Donner came Saturday evening and remained until last evening.

TUESDAY.

Smith Parker is seriously ill with rheumatism.

Alex Lockridge went to Indianapolis this morning.

Mrs. John Kelley went to Terre Haute this morning.

Mrs. Florence Dunbar is spending the day in Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hurst are visiting their son in Indianapolis.

Wm. Moreland, of Paris, Ill., is again buying cattle in this vicinity.

Miss Hallie Bridges has returned from a visit with friends at Lafayette.

Lillian Hays, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Hays, is ill with diphtheria.

Two short stories, one of humor and the other of love, take up four or five

columns of the inside of this afternoon's paper; two columns are given to part-ridge shooting, there is a full column of fun, the same amount of theatrical gossip and about as much concerning the greatest gang of desperadoes that ever existed, all wound up by a column descriptive of the Japanese method of suicide.

A. T. Spencer, of Anderson, was in the city yesterday on business. Mr. Spencer is connected with the Indiana Traction company, which is now building between Marion and Alexandria an electric railway. The road will pass through a large number of the small towns scattered through the gas belt and will be of vast benefit to the region. The line will be extended next spring to Indianapolis.

The friends of W. H. Allen say that he has suggested a plan for taking care of the jurors who loaf around the town and draw their salaries when not sitting in the box. Mr. Allen suggests a stone pile in the Court House yard and would have all idle jurors made to work out time until the County gets even.

The Gentlemen's Club met at the home of Mr. Jerome Allen last evening to discuss the question, "Are we responsible for our errors of opinion?" G. C. Moore opened the discussion, taking the negative. Rev. Weaver followed in the affirmative and a general and animated debate ensued, ending by the majority favoring the negative view.

B. F. Duncan, the veteran lumberman having devoted 31 years to the business. Thirteen years with Thos. Bayne, of this city and 13 years with Stud-baker Bros., five years with the Moline Wagon Co., has retired from the lumber business and bought out a first class meat market in Rock Island, Ill. We wish him success in his new enterprise.

A Fitzcarrisbettson prize fight took place on the Monon platform yesterday; the battle was awarded to the referee at the end of the first round and a half.

Chas. Kiefer is the guest of John Meeks, near Mt. Meridian, where he and his jolly host are knocking the feathers out of the birds today.

Miss Mary Jones returned to her home in Indianapolis last evening after an extended visit with relatives in this city.

Mrs. Will Irvin and Mrs. Gfroerer, of Terre Haute, went to Indianapolis this morning to spend the day.

Mrs. Clearwaters and Mrs. Nichols, of Cloverdale, are shopping and visiting in the city today.

Conrad Gautier is in North Vernon this week, on business and visiting home folks.

John P. Allee is visiting his mother at her country home in Marion town ship.

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The second week of special meetings at Locust Street church began last night. The prospect for the week is bright. The Holy Spirit's work in the church will be faithfully presented. Those who realize that the greatest need of the church is a more Christlike life have now an opportunity. Will you improve it?

Miss Eleanor Westfall, who has been visiting her aunt Mrs. R. P. Houck, for some time, leaves Wednesday Dec. 23 for her home in Mattoon, Ill., after having spent a very pleasant visit.

Dr. Brazier and Mrs. Gray drove to Cloverdale this morning and are visiting John Watson and family.

Mrs. Charles Mann, of Chicago, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. C. Ridpath.

H. H. Hillis shipped two car loads of cattle to Indianapolis today.

Dr. Tucker rode the K. of P. goat last evening.

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Lassoing a Mountain Lion.

The traffic in guns and ammunition at this point is likely to suffer a depression if the methods of John W. Owen in hunting wild animals are adopted generally. The other day Mr. Owen and Oliver Peaker were in the Jicarilla mountains, having several hunting dogs with them, but no guns. Besides capturing two wild cats and one fox, their hounds got on the fresh trail of a huge mountain lion, which had just gorged itself with the fresh meat from a calf it had killed. The lion had taken refuge from its pursuers in a tree, when Messrs Owen and Peaker came up and drove it off its perch with clubs. This was repeated until it reached its third refuge. Here Mr. Owen, being an expert cowman, and realizing that a few dogs and two unarmed men could not hope to capture an animal of this character by means of noise and only clubs and stones for weapons, concluded to adopt the rope, which he knew so well how to use. Taking his lariats in his hand, he climbed the tree to within about six feet of the lion, and, making the throw with care and precision, the animal was caught around the neck just as he was ready for a spring at his captor. Mr. Owen dropped to the ground, the lion springing at the same time. When only two or three feet from the ground the animal reached the extent of the rope, which remained over the limb, with the other end fastened below, and was strangled to death.

The lion was one of the largest ever captured in this region, measuring 9 feet 4 inches from tip to tip, and weighing about 300 pounds.

Mr. Owen says he did not realize that he was in any danger until he had skinned the lion and mounted his horse to ride to camp, when his nerves relaxed and he became frightened.—White Oaks (N. M.), Eagle.

A Zealous Sheriff.

A writer in the Washington Post states that in Arizona people have a strong objection to serving on juries. So do other people; but rarely is it necessary to take such extreme measures to secure a jury, as in the following Arizona case: A certain judge in one of the rural districts, having occasion to try an important case ordered the sheriff to impanel a jury. When two days had passed and no return had been made, he sent for the sheriff and demanded to know why his orders had not been obeyed.

"Well, judge," said the sheriff, "I've got just ten of 'em locked up in the jail here, and I turned out the dogs this mornin' arter the other two."

In Arkansas.

Stranger (in Arkansas).—So the poor fellow swore that he didn't steal the horse, and after you'd lynched him you found out he'd told the truth about it? Storekeeper.—Yes; and the coroner was right smart puzzled for a spell what kind of a verdict to bring in, but he finally called it "a case of stretching the truth," and let it go at that.—Judge.

Moose Must Be Hungry.

Two brass buttons stamped with the initials of the Duluth police department were recently found in the stomach of a large moose, which is suspected of having eaten up a patrolman who has disappeared from Duluth.

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Date Slang—The Original

"Hot Time" Incidents.

For the benefit of those of our community who are interested in the philology and etymology of slang as she is slung, we have been at some trouble to secure and arrange the original incidents and situations which, no doubt, made the necessity whose maternal instinct invented the phrase, "A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight." The air, to which the words of today are sung, was undoubtedly improvised by Nero while fiddling over burning Rome. But the origin of the words, especially the catch-phrase, remains in doubt. Some eminent authorities are inclined to give the preference to the words of Priam, when told that Troy was burning; it is said that a literal translation of his remark at the time is, "There'll be a hot time in the old town tonight." However, we are inclined to believe that, since Sodom was the first town to enjoy a hot time, the credit for the phrase should be awarded to Abraham, when he was forewarned of the event.

Report of Public Schools.

The close of the third month of school shows a total enrollment of 742, a monthly enrollment of 705, the average enrollment being 678.9 and average attendance 648.4 equals 95.5 per cent, 376 equals 55.4 per cent not absent nor tardy, 58 cases of tardiness equals 4.1 per cent. By buildings the tardiness is—No one 25, No two 6, No three 18 High school 9; by grades—one 13, two 5, three 8, four 10, five 5, six 2, seven 2, eight 4, Junior 1, Middle 4, Senior 4. Some room grades in per cents are—Attendance: Miss Miller 98, Miss Alsbaugh 97.6, Miss Alice Resor 97.5, High school 97.3, Miss Jones 97, Miss Jessie Williams 96.4, Miss Rose Williams 95.2, Miss E. B. Resor 95.1; not absent nor tardy: Miss Alsbaugh 69.4, High school 65.1, Miss Jones 58.3, Miss Miller 56.3, Miss Rose Williams 55, Miss Stone 54.3, Miss Jessie Williams 53, Miss Adams 52.3; Punctuality: Miss Stone 100, Miss Alice 100, Miss Miller 98.8, Miss Alsbaugh 98.7, Miss McCoy 98.4, High school 96.5, Miss Jones 95.6.

Only four persons have been sent to the special school because of bad conduct as yet. The fact of the existence of such a school deters some from disregarding their duties to the school and thus relieve the teacher of so much attention to a few unruly ones and allows her to give more attention to teaching the ones who are trying to do right. The compulsory law has brought in a few and has had the effect to secure more regular attendance on the part of some disposed to be careless.

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I write this to let you know what I would not do: I would not do without Chamberlain's Pain Balm in my house if it cost \$5.00 per bottle. It does all you recommend it to do and more.—J. R. WALLACE, Wallaceville, Ga. Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the best household liniment in the world, and invaluable for rheumatism, lame back, sprains and bruises. Be ready for emergencies by having a bottle at W. W. Jones' drug store.

Danger in the Game.

Reporter.—Anybody injured in the practice game to-day? Football Captain.—No; the boys went real easy to-day. They are saving themselves up for the championship game to-morrow. Robinson got his nose broken, Smith lost an ear, Dobson got a few teeth kicked out, Jacob dislocated his jaw and broke a few fingers, but nobody got what you could really call hurt.—Judge.

Couldn't Call Her Birdie.

The 450 pound fat woman in a Chicago dime museum got into a lively scrap with the living skeleton last Monday. It seems the latter, in a frivolous moment, called her Birdie, and she objected to such flippancy. Her name is Daisy.—Ex.

Those who have not seen that new invention called the vitascope or projectoscope showing people and living scenes moving as if really alive will do well to see it at the Christian church next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. It is too wonderful to describe price only 25 c. 501

Local and Personal.

WEDNESDAY.

Mrs. Mary F. Hester left yesterday for Chicago and Rockford where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

Rev. O. F. Friley drove down from Roadside yesterday and made a short visit with friends.

Mrs. Thos. Bayne is at home from Richmond, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fisk.

Simpson left returned to the south-west last evening.

Mrs. Will Grooms is at home from her visit in the west with her father.

J. D. Frakes left today for Hume, Ill., where he goes to take a horse and buggy. He will drive through.

Mrs. T. F. Payne, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. F. D. Ader, for some days, returned this morning to her home in Wabash. Mrs. Ader accompanied her as far as Indianapolis and will spend the day there.

Prof. Cook went to Lafayette at noon today to attend a reception given by the University club of Purdue. A feature of the program will be an address upon "Rafinesque" by Prof. John M. Coulter, of Chicago university.

The time-in-the-slot machine for receiving registered letters has advantages over other postal clerks in being always ready for business and having no supper hour.—Terre Haute Mail.

G. H. Hillis shipped two cars of stock to Indianapolis yesterday.

Joe Torr & Co., who have the contract this season for the Big Four's stone work, stored their tools here today and have retired for the winter.

The monthly teachers' examination will occur on Saturday, Dec. 18, in the county superintendent's office. The examination usually comes on the last Saturday of the month, but is changed this time as that day is Christmas.

L. M. Darnall and L. L. Louis were sworn in yesterday as the junior commissioners for the following year.

Eugene Day will be taken to the State Reformatory at Jeffersonville early tomorrow morning. Sheriff Buntin will personally conduct the party which will leave over the Monon at 2:40 a. m.

Nansen says that one of the nicest things about the arctic regions is that there are no newspapers there. He might have added that there are no lecturers there. How is it, that, just as soon as a man comes to owe all that he is to the newspapers, he begins to abuse them? Science? Bah! Mr. Nansen is working for good, round dollars, like other people, and he is advertising in the newspapers to attract those dollars in his direction.—Cincinnati Post.

Readers of the Real Estate Transfers today will notice the record of a patent from the United States to one George Hedrick of land in Jefferson township and may perhaps wonder at the incident. Mr. William Broadstreet in making an abstract traced the ownership of the land back to George Hedrick but was unable to find when, where and how Hedrick came into possession. He found by the Entry Book that the same land had been granted by the United States to John Hedrick. He then wrote to the U. S. Land office and asked for a copy of the original patent, which, when it arrived, bore the name of George Hedrick. This patent was recorded and makes good the title to the land at the cost of a couple of dollars, while if court proceedings had been had to quiet the title the costs would have been close to \$100.

THURSDAY.

Dr. James H. Taylor, of Indianapolis, was called yesterday to see his father, who is in very feeble health.

Alec Lockridge is transacting business in Chicago.

Chas. Sudranski, of Muncie, is visiting his parents.

Mrs. E. B. Evans, Mrs. John Cross and Mrs. J. W. Sutherland are the guests of Mrs. A. J. Wilson at Hadley today.

C. H. Pierce, of Correctionville, Ia., formerly a Monon engineer and well known here has been visiting his sister, Miss Ellen Stack. He is on his return trip home after attending the Scottish Rite convocation at Indianapolis.

Master Darnall Denman is visiting relatives in St. Louis. He will remain until after Christmas.

Miss May Sackett has returned to her home in Cloverdale after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Watts.

L. Weik and Alfred Hirt attended the Scottish Rite convocation at Indianapolis.

J. B. Burris, of Cloverdale, was in town today enroute home from the State Horticultural society meeting at Indianapolis. He will go to Mexico a week from Saturday to spend the winter.

Mrs. Serena Quinlan is quite sick.

Jas. Lynch is suffering from pneumonia at his home west of the city.

At Marion bids were recently received for the construction of an electric light plant for the soldier's home there, the specifications calling for a plant with a capacity of 15 arc lights and 2,345 incandescents. The bids on the work ranged all the way from \$13,700 to \$20,000, but as the Congressional ap-

propriation was only \$10,000 it is probable that the plans will have to be revised and re-advertised. Here in Greencastle we have a plant with an outside capacity of 70 arc and 2,000 incandescents which the city at one time contemplated purchasing but could not come to terms with the owners who insisted that the plant cost more than \$30,000, while the bids believed that it could be duplicated for \$10,000.

The advance agents were in town yesterday for the Edison projectoscope Co. and made arrangements to give an entertainment in the Christian church next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. See locals.

Some miscreant stole a stand of bees from A. O. White's yard night before last. They were found next morning in a pasture near by. The stand was almost destroyed, a large portion of the bees killed and four or five combs of honey removed. A depredation of that kind is a costly one to the victim and embodes cruelty to the insects as well. Whoever did the work must have carried off a few hundred stings.

Mrs. Florence Dunbar, of Greencastle is spending a few days with Mrs. C. W. Smith and family.—Indianapolis Journal.

W. W. Morgan and son Harry, are in Greencastle.—Crawfordsville Journal. Jerry Curran brought a handsome specimen of an owl to the Owl Mercantile company today. It is a bright golden color, is flecked with white and black and is withal very beautiful. Some say it is what is known as a prairie owl, but is comparatively unknown here.

Fred Keamer is assistant drayman to Art Jackson for Comer Bros.

Mrs. Shields McCray is visiting in Poland.

Miss Jennie Moore and Mrs. J. V. Moore returned this morning from a visit in Monrovia.

Miss Grace Birch spent the day in Indianapolis.

Geo. W. Brown, of Reelsville, was in town on business today.

Frank Grimmer went on duty this morning as baggage master at the Vandalia. John Gatter will take a two or three months' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoover and daughter, of Booneville, who have been visiting for several days with J. B. Hoover, returned home this morning.

AUDIBILITY OF THUNDER.

Conditions Limit Distance at Which It May Be Heard.

In connection with the proposal to establish a number of government stations for reporting the phenomena of thunderstorms it is stated that while lightning may be seen and its illumination of clouds and mists may be recognized when it is even 200 miles distant, thunder is rarely audible ten miles. The thunder from very distant storms, therefore, seldom reaches the ear. Hence, if every thunderstorm has to be recorded a large number of stations will be needed; probably one for every 25 square miles would not be too many. A few stations would suffice, at least for the reporting of the direction and movement of every case of distant lightning. The reason of the great uncertainty in the audibility of thunder is not hard to understand. It depends not merely on the initial intensity of the crash, but quite as much on the surroundings of the observer, even as in the quiet country one will observe feeble sounds that escape the ear in a noisy city. Perhaps the most curious and important condition of audibility is that the thunder wave of sound shall not be refracted or reflected by the layers of warm and cold air between the observer and the lightning or by the layers of wind, swift above and slow below, so as to entirely pass over or around the observer. Sound, in its wave-like progress obliquely through layers of air of different densities, is subject to refraction, and this refraction may occur at any time and place. Thus, observers at the topmast of a ship frequently hear fog whistles that are inaudible at sea level; those on hillsides hear thunder that cannot be heard in the valley; those in front of an obstacle hear sounds inaudible to those behind it. The rolling of thunder, like that of a distant cannonade, may be largely due to special reflections and refractions of sound. Again, the greater velocity of the air at considerable altitudes above the ground distorts the sound wave and shortens the limit of audibility to the leeward, while increasing it to the windward.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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Fastest Mile Ever Made by Bicyclist.

With a 50-mile gale at his back, Charles W. Murphy a few days ago made a straight-away mile in Brooklyn in 1 minute and 45 seconds. The path was a perfect stretch of macadam.

FOOD IN OLD ENGLAND.

Test and Drink for the Working Classes.

According to Chaucer, the more well-to-do of the working classes evidently spent a vast deal of time at the public houses, eating and drinking, telling die tales, playing at skittles when the weather was fine, singing rhymes of "Robin Hood," or listening to fiddlers and pipers, or to gleemen or janglers of jests—that is to say, ballad singers and professional story-tellers, says the Cornhill Magazine. At high prime—he hour in the middle of the forenoon when agricultural work broke off, as it still does, for a brief rest and slight meal—Langland speaks of the plows standing idle in the fields while the slowmen sit at the ale and sing "How rolly lolly." The cook comes out to the tavern door and cries "Hot pies, hot!" and the ale-wife fills pots of half-and-half by pouring penny ale and pudding ale together. Indoors there is plenty of food, in great variety, for such as can afford it; bread and broth, soups of boiled peas and beans, pieces of salt bacon, stewed fowls, fried fish, baked meat, green cheese, curds and cream and baked apples. Poorer people had to be content with half-penny ale and bread made of clean wheat out of oatmeal or beans and bran. Diners are threatened that they "shall eat of barley bread and of the brook drink," but it would seem that water drinking, except under some religious rule, was not common even among the poor, who drank milk and mean ale—suppose the same as what Langland elsewhere calls farthing ale, and not much more than water with a taste in it. In the profuse use of vegetables the English of the fourteenth century were like the modern French peasantry. All through summer, till Lammas-tide brought harvest to the croft and new corn came in the fields, occasional fowls and bacon were the mere embroidery upon the peas, leeks, cabbages, onions, parsley and beans which, together with the coarse bread and the abundant milk and cheese, were the staple of poor people's diet.

UNCLE NATE'S BREAK.

Eldest Aunt Hannah by Shooting Into Her Favorite Washtub.

One of our neighbors, Uncle Nate, as we call him, was greatly bothered by a whippoorwill that came nearly every night and sat on a rock in his back yard and sung his love song, or whatever it is, until Uncle Nate was nearly wild, says Forest and Stream. One night he lay awake and, as he said, stood it just as long as he could, when he got up, and, taking down the old gun that was loaded with a fox charge, he went to the back door, and, drawing a bead on the rock, which he could dimly see in the faint starlight, blazed away. Then, in the pleasing consciousness of a good deed well done, he again sought his couch. In the morning his first care was to reload the old gun, as there was no telling when it would be needed. After this task was finished he started for the back yard to gloat over the mangled remains of his tormentor, but what was his horror and disgust to find that, instead of holding on the rock, he had completely riddled his wife's best washtub, which was turned bottom up about four feet from the rock. The disappointment was bad enough, but when Aunt Hannah came out and saw the ruin, Uncle Nate afterward declared, it was worse than the whippoorwill, and he made a break for the barn, his usual haven of refuge in such cases.

The Prince's New Hat.

It is chronicled with great gravity that H. R. H. the Prince of Wales has a new hat. This is good to hear, not because his royal highness needs a new hat—his every-day one is good enough to last him till Christmas—but because there are so many young men in this country who have more money than hats. They have a good many hats, too, including their golf headgear, which is fearfully and wonderfully made. This new hat of H. R. H.'s is a sort of Fritz Emmet jodding affair. It is of the Alpine persuasion and has a cock's feather in the side. Gentlemen who wear such hats frequent the Black Forest and shoot things with long German names. After that they go home and drink long steins of Hofbrau and tell long stories about all the things they did not shoot. It will be different here. The few devoted followers of "Charlie over the water" will wear frock coats and carry canes, smoke cigarettes, drink "pegs," and say "How do, old chappie!" And the rest of mankind will continue to wear the ordinary "cadi" or "dicer," and will laugh the gentlemen with cock's feathers to scorn. For this is a cold and callous land, and though it dearly loves a lord, only a few of its citizens try to dress like princes.—New York Times.

Four Little Pigs in Clover.

From the Kansas City Journal: Rufus D. Shuptrug, a farmer of Safford, Ala., noticed some time ago that one of his cows was not giving her usual quantity of milk, and, thinking that some of the negroes were milking the cow at night, he set out to watch her, when, to his surprise, he saw four pigs out of a litter of six sitting under the cow enjoying an evening meal.

Testing the Eyes.

Of the candidates for the British army who fail to pass the tests four men out of five are rejected because of defective vision. The eyesight test consists of being able to count correctly with both eyes, as well as each eye separately, a number of small black dots exhibited on a card ten feet from the candidate.

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MANHATTAN.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Manhattan Christian Church will give an order supper at the church on Saturday night Dec. 11. Everybody invited to come.

The young folks will also give an entertainment and Christmas tree on Christmas eve. Everybody invited to attend as a nice time is expected.

The Ladies' Aid Society met on Thurs. Dec. 2, at the home of sister Susan Whitaker. There was a large number present and a large amount of work accomplished. There were also light refreshments served, after which the meeting adjourned to meet in two weeks with sister Anna Hutcheson.

BRICK CHAPEL.

Mr. Emory Gray and family, of Owen county, visited at J. B. Hammond's Saturday and Sunday. While there Mr. Gray purchased some fine poultry to take home with him.

Mrs. Joe Lloyd entertained Mrs. J. E. O'Hair and Mrs. H. H. Crow Wednesday Dec. 1, it being the birthday anniversary of the three ladies.

The B. C. S. S. and E. L. will give a Xmas entertainment on Xmas eve in the church.

PUTNAMVILLE.

There is quite an epidemic of whooping cough in this vicinity.

R. H. Bowen and wife, Misses Della Glazebrook and Minnie Bowen took dinner with W. H. O'Neal and family last Sunday.

Everyone is invited to attend the Thursday night prayer meeting.

Charles Williams made a business trip to Brazil this week.

Mrs. Allie Cox, of Limesdale visited her parents Sunday.

Mrs. W. V. Torr visited her mother last week.

Miss Rosa Cox, of Limesdale visited Eva Shields Saturday and Sunday.

Do not forget the box supper at the M. E. church Xmas eve.

The mandolin and guitar club will give an entertainment here New Year's eve. Admission ten cents. All are invited to come and see the drama and hear the music.

GROVELAND.

The farmers are well through with their corn gathering.

Minor Pickett, son of Anderson Pickett, is eight years old and weighs 122 pounds. Bring on your big little men.

Miss Jennie Kurtz of Richmond is visiting friends here.

Butchering is now the order of the day.

Chas. Wisehart's team ran away with the wagon, no harm done.

Protracted meeting at Clear Creek conducted by Elders Benson and Huff.

PORTLAND MILLS.

Alex. Harrison set a trap in a closet which opened out in the parlor and caught three flying squirrels. How did they get there?

The G. A. R. elected officers for the coming year Saturday afternoon as follows: S. N. Forbes commander, John S. McClure sr. V. C., James S. Daniel jr. V. C., John W. Ratcliff Q. M., Barney McGee surgeon, W. A. Smiley chaplain, Samuel Crooks O. D., John K. Irwin O. G., Geo. M. Scott delegate to Dept. Encampment.

The excitement over the killing of Jas. T. Sturgeon has about subsided. The case will be investigated by the grand jury this week, in the mean time the boy is patiently awaiting results in the Rockville jail. 'Tis said that Miss Nora, sister of Harry Porter, has never smiled from the shock and possibly may not live.

Mrs. Carrie Ratcliff is visiting her sister and brothers of Indianapolis this week.

It looks too much like the assistance of the boasted republic of the U. S. is all for Spain instead of the poor struggling Cuban patriots. This may suit some of the officials at Washington, but how about the sentiment of the common people? The answer will be heard at the election next fall, mark this.

CLOVERDALE.

The family of Enos A. Wood had a most pathetic time at their home last

week. On Tuesday night their little boy Donald died and was buried Wednesday and on Thursday their little daughter Muriel died and was buried Friday. To add to their sorrow their friends were unable to attend the funerals of their little ones because of the scarlet fever. Owing to the caution which the family exercised the disease has not spread.

J. B. Burris has some sample corn on exhibition at the post office which is very large. Mr. Burr raised 2400 bushels of it on 80 acres of ground.

Miss Gertrude Duncan is visiting Mrs. U. V. O'Daniel.

Mrs. E. K. Curtis of Iowa is visiting at Mrs. Sarah Branham's.

NORTH JACKSON.

Eugene Ford visited near Crawfordsville Saturday and Sunday.

Joe Jeffries and family visited Mrs. Emily Johnson Friday night.

Asa Bateman visited at uncle Jerry Blaydes's Saturday night.

Jennie Radford visited Millie Kent Friday.

Gilbert Wilson has closed his school on account of diphtheria.

The teacher's institute at the Lebanon school house was well attended.

Robert Spencer and family visited in this vicinity Sunday.

Win Myers, of Ladoga, visited at Drake Brookshire's Monday.

Oscar Ford has bought a farm near New Market where he will move in the near future and Mr. Conner, of New Ross, will occupy the house he vacates.

NEW MAYSVILLE.

C. A. Allen went to Indianapolis Tuesday.

Dan House, of Kansas, is visiting Bud Myers and family this week.

There are six of Charles Fishers children sick with what is supposed to be diphtheria.

There was a box supper at R. E. Chland school house last Friday evening.

Bruce Mills went to Bedford Wednesday to inspect coal oil.

There will be a meeting of the citizens of this community on Saturday night, Dec. 18, for the purpose of electing three trustees and incorporating a cemetery.

James Oakley is having a new smoke house built this week.

Professor Moore did not go to Barnard Monday to begin school on account of the diphtheria scare.

CARPENTERSVILLE.

Mr. David Hillis and family took dinner at J. W. Hillis's Sunday.

Harve Moreland and wife have returned home from the latter's father's.

There will be an Xmas entertainment and tree at the Presbyterian church Xmas eve.

Tom Quinton returned home after a two weeks' visit with his son near Brick Chapel.

Lon Collins and wife spent Sunday with Bert L. Hall's.

C. S. Allen of Indianapolis is here as agent of the Champion Binder and Mower.

James Terry is visiting relatives and friends in Ky.

James Williamson has bought C. C. Bridges' property and will move here Monday.

M. A. Pickel and J. H. McClelland are cutting bicycle rims; any one wanting a bicycle let them know.

Will Carpenter and family have moved to J. L. Higgins farm east of here.

B. B. Cline is shipping corn from this point.

A Tennessee lady, Mrs. J. W. Towle, of Philadelphia Tenn., has been using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for her baby, who is subject to croup, and says of it: "I find it just as good as you claim it to be. Since I've had your Cough Remedy, baby has been threatened with croup ever so many times, but I would give him a dose of the Remedy and it prevented his having it every time." Hundreds of mothers say the same thing. Sold by W. W. Jones.

Greencastle Chapter Elects.

The following officers were elected by the Greencastle chapter, No. 22 R. A. M. Wednesday evening: E. B. Evans, H. P.; Jas. McD. Hays, K.; W. B. Vestal, Scribe; Jas. Alsbaugh, C. B.; E. W. White, P. S.; M. D. Bridges, Tr.; W. H. Cullen, Sec.; Christian Pfahler, guard; W. B. Vestal, trustee.

Letter List.

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Clarence Hamer, Miss Lulia Citler, W. B. F. Darnall, Jake Dexter 2, Andy Hunt, Mrs. J. L. Hinkle, C. C. Hanger, Mr. Geo. Judey, Miss Lizzie Layman, Lizzie Thompson, O. Senele, Mrs. Emma Roberts.

In calling for same please say "advertised." WILLIS G. NEFF, P. M.

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AN INDIAN GHOST STORY.

A Young Woman from the Other World.

Two decades before to the east of Sinduripati, Calcutta, there stood a three-storyed house in Ram Mohun Shaha's lane, says the Pantha. This house was dismantled a few years ago, but the two central figures in the story are still living. These gentlemen, Nital Babu and Tulsu Babu, were then two young men, strong and brave. One noon, in summer, they were proceeding to the house of a friend in Ram Mohun Shaha's lane. As they passed the three-storyed house they saw a young lady of 16 standing at the half-opened street door and were surprised to find her beckoning them to approach. The two friends, curious to know something more of the woman and why she invited them, entered the house. They met no one as they passed across the courtyard, with a thick layer of dust, up a flight of steps, the woman showing them the way. In a veranda on the first floor they found an old man lying on a mat, his eyes closed in sleep. They approached and called him. It was after considerable difficulty that they could arouse the old man, who, however, opened his eyes for a moment only, and then slept as before. The two friends then followed the woman to the second floor, and here they found an old lady sleeping on the veranda. Here, too, they tried to wake her up; but, as in the case of the man, she only opened her eyes once and then closed them again. Babus Nital and Tulsu now saw the woman enter a room and they followed her into it. The apartment was well furnished. A rich bedstead stood on one side with a milk-white and invitingly soft bed thereon. There were also, silver-plated hukas, betel utensils and fire in a pan. They were rather surprised and asked their young conductress who she was and why she had called them. But she did not answer. They asked to order her servants, if she had any, to prepare a chillum; still she spoke not a word, but remained standing by the side of the khat. Nital Babu grew impatient at this want of courtesy or frankness and rose from the farash on which the two were sitting to catch hold of her. The woman thereupon began going round and round the bedstead, followed by Nital. Her speed gradually increased; at last suddenly she dashed toward the door and made off. The two friends became really alarmed this time. Fearing the consequences of their imprudent trespass they, too, issued out of the room after the woman. Now they did not meet, however, either the old woman or the old man and this circumstance added to their terror. When they reached the first floor the woman who had led them on this wild goose chase vanished suddenly from view. They hastened downstairs and as they were crossing the yard a peal of laughter induced them to look up. To their horror and surprise they found the young woman standing on the veranda of the second floor and laughing immoderately. As their eyes met she took the pan of fire before referred to and threw it down. The sparks touched the ground and at once there shot up tongues of fire which reached the second floor. This incident only demoralized them the more and they rushed toward the front door, where they found the old man of the first floor. They put several questions to him, but receiving no answer they at last ran out of the house and reached that of their friends breathless and perspiring. On telling the latter of their adventure very great was their surprise to learn that the three persons they had met in the three-storyed house were all denizens of another world, they having died some time previously of cholera within a day or two of one another. The old couple were the parents of the young woman who had decoyed them into the house.

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LOCKWOOD'S LETTER

INDIANA CONGRESSMEN EARLY ON THE LEGISLATIVE BATTLEFIELD.

Views of Hoosier Statesmen on the Question of Civil Service—Dick Bright Stirs Up a Hornets' Nest by Stopping the Sale of Liquor in the Capitol—Fairbanks and Overstreet Expect Currency Legislation.

From Our Special Correspondent:

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The members of the Indiana congressional delegation were early on the scene this session. Senator Fairbanks has been in Washington for some weeks engaged in the preparation of an immigration bill to be presented in the senate by the important committee of which he is chairman. He has leased the handsome house on Massachusetts avenue formerly occupied by Chief Justice Fuller, which is taken to mean that for the first time in several years an Indiana senator is to become an active factor in the social life of the capital. Appropriately enough, the first social gathering in the Fairbanks home was one of Indians prominent in the official life of Washington. This was on Thanksgiving day, when a happy party of Hoosiers did ample justice to an Indiana turkey.

Senator Turpie has also been in Washington for some time, after a sojourn of several months in Indiana, during which the venerable statesman has divided his attention between the classics and the gentlemen who would like to succeed him as the caucus nominee of the Democracy for the senate. Mr. Fairbanks came on from Terre Haute some time ago in order to place his son and daughter in school. Major Steele arrived a week before the opening of the session to attend a meeting of the board of managers of the National Soldiers' homes, of which he is a member. Representative Johnson, after a summer spent at Atlantic City, returns to Washington with his health recuperated beyond the expectations of his friends. He claims to be a well man, and expects to be as active as ever in the work of the house. Mr. Overstreet has been here a week, and Representatives Hemenway, Robinson, Zenor, Henry, Crumpacker, Landis, Miers, Royse and Griffith, were in their seats at the opening of the session Monday. Mr. Griffith, the new member of the delegation, is attracting much attention as the successor of Mr. Holman, and bids fair to measure up to the expectations aroused by so famous a predecessor.

No question which is likely to be the subject of legislation during the present session of congress is exciting more discussion at this early day among Indiana members, at least, than that of the maintenance of the classified service. Republican congressmen are fresh from a 4-months' stay at home which has been largely devoted to explaining to constituents who "want something," just why they can't get it, and of course the civil service law has had to figure quite extensively in these explanations. A year ago it was unusual to encounter in congressional circles an expression of opposition to the maintenance of the civil service law, but the pronounced advocates of a new order of things are now sufficiently numerous to encourage Mr. Grosvenor and his following to believe that the law may be repealed or amended out of recognition, in spite of the known devotion of President McKinley to the continuance and extension of the classified service.

The Washington correspondent of the Indianapolis News recently advised his paper that there was a clear majority for the civil service law in the Indiana delegation, but a canvass of the members of the house by your correspondent seems to throw doubt upon this statement. Mr. Johnson is the most outspoken friend of the classified service among the Indiana members. "I am in favor of the maintenance of the law," he said, "and shall vote against its repeal, if any effort is made to repeal it. I shall also exert such influence as I possess in the house of representatives in the same direction. In my judgment, civil service is right and in the interest of the people. It is also one of the cardinal principles of the Republican party, having been repeatedly indorsed by that party in its various national and state conventions, and having for its earnest advocates the president, the speaker of the house, ex-President Harrison, Senator Allison and many other leading Republicans. I am also in favor of such amendments of the present law as will strengthen it and prevent its violation and evasion at the hands of those who, being entrusted with its administration, are persistently disregarding it in spirit and letter and thereupon citing their own misconduct as proof that the law is at fault."

"I have never before given my views on this question," said Representative Robinson, "but I think the civil service law as it exists ought to be maintained for the present, at least, and such seems to be the sentiment of a large majority of all parties. Some changes ought to be made in the law, perhaps, so that it may more fully answer the purposes of its original founders and present well wishers, but these alterations can well await the settlement of the several far more important questions before the American people. Our service under the present law seems to be up to a fairly high standard, and any changes desired would be in the direction of securing to faithful service a secure tenure, free from the danger of removal for political reasons."

"I have never had reason to regret," said Major Steele, "as I have watched the progress of so called reforms in the civil service, that I was one of the 42 members of the house who voted against the law when it was first enacted 15 years ago. Seven of those 42 members are in the present house, and are here."

tion vindicated by the logic of events, and I believe that we are today sustained by the great preponderance of public sentiment, which is opposed to the un-American and unjust system of government by examination, which closes the door of opportunity in the public service to every young man and woman in this country by throwing about thousands of government employees the protection of a wall they were never required to surmount. There are certain departments of the government service in which the classified service is essential to the maintenance of efficiency, but the effort to establish an official class in this country, especially out of material that has never stood the test it is proposed to apply to others, is not in the interests of good service or good government. I will be glad of an opportunity to vote for the material amendment of the law."

Representative Faris is quite as emphatic. "I deem the present system," he said, "an iniquity that discredits and limits the aspiration and hope of the young men and women of the country, and as such it is un-American and should be abolished. It is just as proper and manly for the men who carry the elections to aspire to and expect the appointive offices, as it is for other men to aspire to and obtain the elective offices. Unless there can be a speedy modification to bring about the condition which existed when Harrison became president, I am ready to cast one vote to wipe the present humbug off the face of the earth."

"President Cleveland," said Mr. Landis, "permitted officials high in authority under him to turn out thousands of efficient clerks and supply their places with men and women whose sole recommendation was their fealty to his party. Mr. Cleveland then extended the classified service so as to include all departments where these radical changes had been made, and thus fastened these new people securely in their places. The system by which this was done is called the 'merit system,' and the 'civil service reform system.' It is a mockery on merit and a burlesque on reform. I think the system needs reforming, and I shall vote to reform it."

Mr. Zenor has shown his position by introducing at the special session a bill providing for a four years fixed tenure of office. Mr. Henry states to your correspondent that he is "not in favor of the civil service law as it now stands, or at present administered." Mr. Hemenway said: "I am opposed to the civil service law as now enforced, as hundreds of men with good practical knowledge and ability to fill positions under the government could not stand a civil service examination, while some boys fresh from high school, without practical ability or experience, would slip through without difficulty into a place he may be unfitted to fill." Mr. Hemenway has expressed himself in favor of the defeat of the appropriation for the maintenance of the commission. Judge Crumpacker has publicly expressed his disapproval of certain features of the civil service law. There seems to be among Indiana members an especial aversion to the law as regards the internal revenue service, this being doubtless in large part due to the large number of applications for deputy collectorships in Indiana.

Indiana members of the house, other than those quoted above, when approached by your correspondent on this subject, showed a marked willingness to talk about something else.

Colonel "Dick" Bright, protege of the late Senator Voorhees, and a Hoosier of wide popularity in his native state, is said to have laid up more or less trouble for himself during the 4-months' recess. As sergeant-at-arms of the senate, he is a member of the police board of the capitol, the other members being the sergeant-at-arms of the house and the architect of the capitol. These last named functionaries having been absent from Washington during the summer, Colonel Bright, as the remaining member of the board, which is vested with supreme authority in the capitol during the recesses of congress, is charged with having set up a sort of dictatorship under the big dome. Some weeks ago he announced a rule prohibiting the sale of liquors during the congressional recess in the restaurants at both wings of the capitol, and this order has been strictly enforced for some time, much to the disgust of some congressional employees, whose lamentations have been as loud as they have been ineffectual. A few days ago a party of senators dropped in to the restaurant on their side of the capitol and called for certain beverages under the ban of the Bright order. When they were informed of the rule there was just the amount of vigorous "kicking" that might be expected to follow so flagrant an interference with senatorial prerogatives. Inquiry, it is claimed, disclosed the fact that neither of the other two members of the police board were even cognizant of the order, and the little fellows who have been so strenuously objecting to Colonel Bright's alleged effort to become the "whole thing" are hoping that the big fellows will now call the colonel down for establishing a dry season at the capitol.

Senator Fairbanks and Representative Overstreet are about the only members of the Indiana delegation who are expecting any definite action on the currency question during the present session. Several Indiana members of the house are openly against currency legislation, such as will likely be proposed by the commission appointed by the Indianapolis conference, while others content themselves with the statement that no action in this direction could be expected from the senate, and that debate in the house would only tend to unsettle business. There has not been a session of congress for many years, by the way, at which the legislative programme was so much in doubt at the time of assembling.

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